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1. Introduction

On 3 June 1994, the Minister for Local Government the Honourable Roger M Hallam MLC, requested the Local Government Board review the municipal districts of the Shire of Alexandra, United Shire of Beechworth, City of Benalla, Shire of Benalla, Shire of Bright, Shire of Broadford, Shire of Chiltern, Shire of Cobram, Shire of Deakin, City of Echuca, Shire of Euroa, Shire of Goulburn, Town of Kyabram, Shire of Mansfield, Shire of McIvor, Shire of Myrtleford, Shire of Nathalia, Shire of Numurkah, Shire of Oxley, Shire of Pyalong, Shire of Rochester, Shire of Rodney, Shire of Rutherglen, Rural City of Seymour, City of Shepparton, Shire of Shepparton, Shire of Tallangatta, Shire of Tungamah, Shire of Upper Murray, Shire of Violet Town, City of Wangaratta, Shire of Wangaratta, Shire of Waranga, Rural City of Wodonga, Shire of Yackandandah, Shire of Yarrawonga and Shire of Yea.

The Board placed notices advising of the reference and seeking submissions from interested parties in the *Herald Sun* and local papers from 7 June 1994. The Board received over 980 written submissions from councils both named in the reference and those abutting the review area, community organisations and individuals by 15 July 1994.

The Chairman of the Local Government Board, appointed a division for two Board members, Mr Russell Broadbent (Chairman) and Mr Paul Jerome (member), to undertake the review.

The Division held preliminary discussions with all councils included in the reference during June 1994.

The Board released its interim report at Euroa on 5 September 1994.

Interim Report Recommendations

In its interim report the Local Government Board recommended the constitution of the following eleven councils, from the thirty seven councils included in the reference:

Proposal 1. Municipality of Towong

That a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Tallangatta and the Shire of Upper Murray to be known as the Municipality of Towong.

Proposal 2. Municipality of Indigo

That a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth less the Murmungee and Mt Stanley districts, the Shire of Chiltern, the Shire of Rutherglen and the Shire of Yackandandah less the Dederang district, to be known as the Municipality of Indigo.

Proposal 3. Municipality of Milawa

That a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth's Murmungee district, the Shire of Benalla's Glenrowan district, the Shire of Oxley, the City of Wangaratta, the Shire of Wangaratta and the Shire of Yarrawonga's Peechelba district, to be known as the Municipality of Milawa.

Proposal 4. Alpine Shire

That a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth's Mt Stanley district, the Shire of Bright, the Shire of Myrtleford and the Shire of Yackandandah's Dederang district, to be known as the Alpine Shire.

Proposal 5. Municipality of Delatite

That a new municipality be created comprising the City of Benalla, the Shire of Benalla less the Glenrowan district and the Shire of Mansfield to be known as the Municipality of Delatite.

Proposal 6. Municipality of Strathbogie

That a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Euroa less the Arcadia and Karromomus districts, the Shire of Goulburn less the Murchison East district, the Rural City of Seymour's Avenel district and the Shire of Violet Town less the Caniambo and Tamleugh districts to be know as the Municipality of Strathbogie.

Proposal 7. Municipality of Murrindindi

That a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Alexandra, the Shire of Eltham's Kinglake district, the City of Whittlesea's Kinglake West district and the Shire of Yea less the King Parrot Creek district to be known as the Municipality of Murrindindi.

Proposal 8. Municipality of Mitchell

Than a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Broadford, the Shire of McIvor, the Shire of Pyalong, the Rural City of Seymour less the Avenel district and the Shire of Yea's King Parrot Creek district, to be known as the municipality of Mitchell.

Proposal 9. Municipality of Muckatah

That a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Cobram, the Shire of Nathalia, the Shire of Numurkah, the Shire of Tungamah less the Katandra and Yabba districts and the Shire of Yarrawonga less the Peechelba district, to be known as the Municipality of Muckatah.

Proposal 10. City of Greater Shepparton

That a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Deakin's Kyabram hinterland district, the Shire of Euroa's Arcadia and Karromomus districts, the Shire of Goulburn's Murchison East district, the Town of Kyabram, the City of Shepparton, the Shire of Shepparton, the Shire of Rodney, the Shire of Tungamah's Katandra and Yabba districts, the Shire of Violet Town's Caniambo and Tamleugh districts and the Shire of Waranga's Murchison district, to be known as the City of Greater Shepparton.

Proposal 11. Municipality of Campaspe

That a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Deakin less the Kyabram hinterland district, the City of Echuca, the Shire of Rochester the Shire of Waranga less the Murchison district, to be known as the Municipality of Campaspe.

Responses

In accordance with section 220 K(2)(c) of *Local Government Act 1989*, interested parties were notified on 6 September 1994 that they had until 20 September 1994 to make comment on the interim report or request a poll on the proposals contained on the interim report.

The Board did not receive any request for a poll on the proposals contained in the interim report.

The Board received joint submissions from - the United Shire of Beechworth, the Shire of Chiltern and the Shire of Yackandandah; the Shire of Nathalia, the Shire of Numurkah, the Shire of Tungamah and the Shire of Yarrawonga; and the Shire of Bright and the Shire of Myrtleford. Individual submissions were received from each of the other councils named in the reference. In addition the City of Echuca, the Shire of Deakin, the Town of Kyabram and the Shire of Waranga submitted a joint letter supporting the inclusion of the Town of Kyabram in the Campaspe proposal.

The Board also received submissions from a number of councils adjoining the review area - Shire of Avon, Shire of Bairnsdale, Shire of Cohuna, Shire of East Loddon, Shire of Eltham, Shire of Kilmore, Shire of Omeo, Shire of Romsey and the City of Whittlesea.

The Board received 3,162 submissions from groups and individuals including a number of government authorities, business and industry organisations. The following table breaks these down by proposal.

Table 1. Group and individual submissions by proposals

Incomplete

Proposal	Number of submissions from groups and individuals	% of total submissions
Towong	4	0.12
Indigo	473	14.95
Milawa	16	0.50
Alpine Shire	24	0.75
Delatite	216	6.83
Strathbogie	177	5.59
Murrindindi	68	2.15
Mitchell	183	5.78
Muckatah	1966	62.17
City of Greater Shepparton	29	0.91
Campaspe	6	0.18
Total	3,162	100 %

These figures do not include petitions received from residents of the Shire of Violet Town wishing to be

included in the City of Greater Shepparton (800 signatures), residents in the Shire of Tallangatta supporting the proposed municipality of Towong (1083), a petition attached to the Shire of Broadford submission from residents in the Strath Creek area supporting the Mitchell proposal (58), residents of the Flowerdale area requesting the inclusion of the King Parrot Creek area in Murrindindi (285), residents of Avenel area rejecting the Board's proposal to include the area in Strathbogie (171), members of the Glenrowan senior citizens protesting about the inclusion of Glenrowan township in Milawa (28), (392) pro-forma postcards from residents of the Shire of Violet Town rejecting the Board's proposal to include Mansfield in Delatite, and a petition signed by nearly 2,000 residents of Beechworth, Chiltern, Rutherglen and Jackandandah supporting the "Historic Districts" shire.

The Board was pleased by the response from the community to the interim report and the level of debate it generated.

The Shire of Bright and the Shire of Myrtleford in their joint submission *"... compliment the Board's proposal on the restructure of the North East to form an Alpine Shire based substantially on the existing Shires of Bright and Myrtleford."*

The City of Shepparton *" ... congratulates the Board on its far sightedness in relation to the proposed City of Greater Shepparton..."*

The Shire of Shepparton commented that *"... the willingness with which the Board accepted the input to the review process is clearly reflected in the quality of the output."*

The difficulties the Board faced in fitting all the "pieces of the jigsaw" together is appreciated by the Rural City of Seymour which commented that *" ... no-one can realistically expect an ideal outcome in every proposed municipality."*

The Shire of Euroa commended the Board and believes the Board has "... *clearly identified the challenges ahead for local government in north east Victoria* ..."

The City of Wangaratta has raised concerns with the Board that the interim report does not adequately reflect the significance of Wangaratta as a regional service centre and the vision that Wangaratta has for the region as described in the interim report.

The Board does indeed see Wangaratta as an important regional community and economic service centre and a focus for economic development activity in the north east. Indeed Wangaratta's strategic location in relation to the river valleys, the Hume Highway and the plains through to the Murray River and geographic advantage in relation to Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra has been recognised by international companies such as IBM.

The Board reiterates its comments in the interim report that Milawa reflects the linkages within the region and the existing patterns of mutual interdependence. The Council's preferred option was to incorporate the King and Ovens Rivers catchment areas in a greater Wangaratta municipality and splitting the Kiewa River valley from the area. The Board considered this proposal, however decided on balance to propose Milawa and the Alpine Shire that would bring the alpine areas of Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Mt Buffalo into one municipality.

The United Shire of Beechworth, Shire of Chiltern and the Shire of Yackandandah made a joint submission to

the Board, proposing the establishment of a historic districts councils to complement an enlarged Rural City of Wodonga, rather than the Indigo proposal included in the Board's interim report.

The Shires of Nathalia, Numurkah, Tungamah and Yarrawonga made a joint submission to the Board, proposing the establishment of two municipalities, Moira and Mid Murray, as an alternative to the Board's proposed Muckatah municipality.

Abutting councils

A number of councils abutting the review area made submissions on the interim report. The Shire of Kilmore was disappointed the Board had included the Shire of Broadford in the proposed Mitchell municipality - as the Shire considers Broadford's linkages are more closely aligned to Kilmore rather than Seymour, due to its similarly as an "urban/rural fringe" municipality rather than a rural municipality. Kilmore's preferred option is the establishment of an outer fringe municipality by joining the Shires of Broadford, Kilmore and Romsey.

The Shire of East Loddon, which abuts the review area, is currently part of the North Central review and abuts the North West review, believes the North East final report, should leave the way open for the establishment of a Loddon Campaspe shire - incorporating the farming areas of the City of Greater Bendigo (formerly Huntly and Marong), western dryland farming portion of the Shire of Rochester, Shire of East Loddon and the eastern portion of the Shire of Gordon.

Community submissions

The Board received a large number of submissions from community and business organisations and individuals from throughout the review area. These submissions raised a range of boundary and other issues addressed in the following sections of this report.

2. Boundary issues raised by the Board in its Interim Report

In the interim report the Local Government Board identified several boundary issues which required consultation with the communities concerned. It invited further submissions from local communities. A number of communities circulated petitions to gauge community support for particular proposals, in addition to individuals and groups who wrote to the Board expressing their views.

Dinner Plain

The Dinner Plain Village is presently located on freehold land in the north western corner of the Shire of Omeo adjacent to the Shire of Bright boundary, and has strong functional relationships with the Mt Hotham alpine resort area. In the interim report, the Board noted these relationships and sought further comment from councils and the community about the appropriate municipal location for the village.

The Board has received submissions from the Shires of Bright, Myrtleford and Omeo, ratepayer and business groups in relation to this matter. The Shires of Bright and Myrtleford, ratepayer groups and the Dinner Plain Advisory Committee support the inclusion of the area in the Alpine Shire. In addition to the village area, submissions have recommended the inclusion of the existing Alpine Resorts Commission (ARC)/Dinner Plain landfill site and the proposed landfill site to the west of Cobungra Hill and the Horsehair Plain proposed airfield site (for which a planning permit has been granted). The proposed airport will serve the Dinner Plain and Mt Hotham resorts.

Conversely the Shire of Omeo considers the future of the Dinner Plain Village should be considered in the context of a larger East Gippsland municipality which has been recommended following the Board's review of councils in Gippsland.

The Board carefully considered all these submissions and formed the view that the Dinner Plain Village and its associated infrastructure (the existing and proposed landfill site and proposed airport) should be included in the Alpine Shire. This view is also reflected in the Board's interim report on the Gippsland reference area.

Gunbower

The township of Gunbower is currently split by the Murray Valley Highway between the Shires of Rochester and Cohuna with the majority of the town located in the Shire of Cohuna. This situation has been recognised by the Board as inappropriate and further comment was sought from the community.

The submissions from the City of Echuca and the Shires of Cohuna and Rochester all agree that the township of Gunbower should not remain divided but should be consolidated into one municipality to facilitate greater strategic planning, economic development and service delivery.

It has been identified that:

> The people of Gunbower, along with the farming community to the north of the Murray Valley Highway between Gunbower and Torrumbarry would have direct association ... with the Cohuna Shire (namely dairying production and employment associated with the Kraft Foods factory at Leitchville).

The Board is of the view that the residents of Gunbower relate more closely with the Shire of Cohuna and the Cohuna township and therefore considers the township and a small area of the hinterland should be included in the boundaries of the existing Shire of Cohuna.

Kilmore

The Shire of Kilmore abuts the proposed municipality of Mitchell. The Shire of Kilmore abuts the review of local government in Middle and Outer Melbourne and is presently included in the review of local government in north central Victoria. The Board in its interim report recognised the connections between Kilmore and some of the municipalities comprising Mitchell, and reserved the right to reconsider the south west boundary of Mitchell in the context of the North Central review.

Councils in the Mitchell proposal have stressed the importance of the completion of the deliberations in relation to Mitchell in the context of the North East review, and not leaving the finalisation of the boundaries until the completion of the North Central review.

The Shire of Kilmore supports the establishment of an outer metropolitan fringe council comprising the Shires of Broadford, Kilmore and Romsey. The focus of such a municipality would be on providing effective local government services in an area that is experiencing a high growth rate in residents who are seeking a semi-rural and non-metropolitan lifestyle, within easy commuting distance of Melbourne. A high proportion of the area's population commute to Melbourne on a daily basis for employment. The development of the Hume Freeway and construction of the Western Ring Road will increase the rapid accessibility of the area to Melbourne.

The Shire of Broadford and the Rural City of Seymour support the inclusion of the portion of the Shire of Kilmore, north of Pretty Sally (Great Dividing Range) in the Mitchell municipality to assist in the strategic planning of catchment issues in the Goulburn Valley. Both councils stress the importance of this additional area to strengthen Mitchell, particularly if part or all of McIvor is removed from the Mitchell proposal.

The Board has considered the submissions carefully and determined, on balance, that the Shire of Kilmore will not be included in Mitchell as a result of this reference. It's future will be considered in the context of the review of councils in North Central Victoria.

Terip Terip

The Terip Terip area is currently in the Shire of Euroa, having been excised from the Shire of Alexandra to Euroa in 1963 because at that time it was difficult to service the area from Alexandra. Since that time there has been significant improvements to roads and bridges into and through the area, and the community has indicated a strong degree of interest with the Alexandra area. The Board invited further comment from the councils and community as to the appropriate municipal location for the area.

The Shires of Yea and Alexandra along with community submissions from the Terip Terip area support the inclusion of the area in the Murrindindi municipality. The new boundary supported by the councils would be similar to the old 1963 boundary between Euroa and Alexandra. Euroa believes the community support for the inclusion of the area in the Murrindindi municipality has more to do with differing rural subdivisional policies than communities of interest. Euroa believes the geographic barriers that lead to the original severance of the area from Alexandra to Euroa remain significant.

Having carefully considered all views, the Board considers the Terip Terip area of the Shire of Euroa should be included in the new Murrindindi municipality.

Warrenbayne

In its interim report, the Board made a recommendation to leave the Warrenbayne area within the proposed Shire of Strathbogie but sought further community comment on the area being merged with the proposed municipality of Delatite.

The Warrenbayne community has made strong representation to the Board to be included in Delatite as it sees a closer community of interest with the Benalla township and surrounding rural areas. The topography and transport links of the Warrenbayne Valley relate towards Benalla.

It is considered locally that the Warrenbayne area has been an historical boundary anomaly that should be rectified.

The Shire of Violet Town supports the view that the Warrenbayne area be excised to the proposed municipality of Delatite as do the City and Shire of Benalla.

The Board considers the Warrenbayne area should be part of the Delatite municipality.

3. Other boundary issues raised in submissions

Submissions received by the Board following the release of the interim report raised a number of other boundary issues. The Board's views on these matters are set out below.

King Parrot Creek/Flowerdale/Strath Creek area

The King Parrot Creek, Flowerdale, and Strath Creek areas are presently divided along the creek between the Shires of Broadford and Yea. The Councils and community generally agree that the area works as a single community and should be united under one municipality.

The Board recommended in its interim report that the King Parrot Creek, Flowerdale, and Strath Creek area should be part of the proposed Mitchell municipality. Since the release of the interim report the Board has received submissions from the Shires of Alexandra and Yea and residents in the area supporting the inclusion of the area in the Murrindindi municipality.

Yea and Alexandra believe the area should be included in the Murrindindi municipality because of strong community of interest such as education and health services, recreation and community activity, between the area and the township of Yea. The Shire of Yea has identified a geographical boundary to the west to the area in the form of the Murchison Gap, state forest and crown land that substantially influence patterns of community movement.

Yea considers the inclusion of the King Parrot Creek area in Murrindindi would not be to the detriment of the Mitchell proposal, as it represents only 4.9% of the Mitchell population. Yea believes the Murrindindi municipality will be able to deliver local government services more effectively and efficiently to the area due to existing community movement patterns and service structures, such as the Shire of Yea service centre in Kinglake. Adding the King Parrot Creek area to Murrindindi will mean the three principal northern road routes, Maroondah Highway, Melba Highway and the Whittlesea-Yea Road, from the northern and eastern metropolitan area will be in the Murrindindi municipality.

Broadford, Seymour and Pyalong support the King Parrot Creek remaining part of Mitchell. However, Broadford acknowledges the concerns raised by some residents of the area, but considers they are not insurmountable. The councils are concerned that the removal of the area will affect the viability of the Mitchell municipality. Broadford and Seymour indicated a compromise could be achieved with the southern portion of the King Parrot Valley, including Flowerdale, included in Murrindindi whilst the Strath Creek portion of the area remain in Mitchell.

The Board received a number of petitions and numerous letters from residents and land holders in the area. Generally these supported the inclusion of the area in Murrindindi. Councils convened a number of public meetings and commissioned telephone polls in the area. These meetings and polls generally indicated support for the inclusion of the King Parrot Creek, Flowerdale, and Strath Creek area in Murrindindi, although it is acknowledged that this was not a unanimous view.

Following consideration of these submission, the Board considers the King Parrot Creek, Flowerdale, and

Strath Creek areas should be included in the Murrindindi municipality. The appropriate western boundary for the area will be the state forest, crown land and the Murchison Spur Road.

Kinglake/Toolangi/Castella

The Kinglake area is presently divided between the Shires of Eltham and Yea and the City of Whittlesea. The Board has recommended the township area be united in the Murrindindi municipality using the northern boundary of the Kinglake National Park, south of the Whittlesea-Kinglake and Kinglake-Healesville Road as the appropriate municipal boundary. The Shire of Eltham and the City of Whittlesea acknowledge the Board's proposal and have lodged no objections to it.

The Board has received a request from a resident south of the Kinglake-Healesville Road, but north of the Kinglake National Park boundary for a minor amendment to the proposed boundary to include a small parcel of privately land held in trust by the Victorian Conservation Trust in the Shire of Eltham. This land has been given to provide a future addition to the National Park area and is considered by the Trust as a valuable buffer to the Kinglake National Park. The Trust supports the amendment to the boundary to provide for this area to remain in the Shire of Eltham. The Shire of Eltham also agreed to this amendment.

The Toolangi/Castella area is located in the northern portion of the Shire of Healesville, but isolated from it by the Toolangi State Forest. Similar to the Kinglake area, the Toolangi/Castella area sits just over the Great Dividing Range and is the top of the catchment of the Yea River. The Shire of Healesville in its submission to the Board considers the area should be included in a Yarra Valley Shire. It has been suggested to the Board that the residents of this area have a community of interest with residents in the Kinglake area, as these areas are similar in their isolation from other areas due to state forest and national park boundaries.

The Board has considered these submissions and believes the Toolangi/Castella area should form part of the Murrindindi municipality, using the northern boundary of the Toolangi State Forest, south of Healesville-Kinglake Road as the southern boundary of the municipality, therefore, providing for a natural boundary of national park and state forest between the Murrindindi municipality and metropolitan fringe municipalities to the south.

Mansfield

The Shire of Mansfield has expressed concern that the Board's interim report did not adequately reflect the importance of the Shire's tourism destination potential, economic development prospects and internal reform processes already underway. In particular it felt that the Board had not adequately understood the significance of the high country, snow fields and the burgeoning tourist industry. The Board regrets that this impression has been created.

There can be no doubt that the high country and those other characteristics of the Shire are of major significance to Victoria. Indeed, it is widely known that this location has received international attention as the setting for films such as "The Man from Snowy River". The Board did not intend to underplay the importance of these issues and certainly sees them as the basis for a thriving tourist industry in the future. The Board accepts, as Mansfield has pointed out, that tourism is not so evident in the economy of Benalla, which has a

different asset base on which to build its future economic development.

What the Board emphasised in its interim report was the pro-development attitude shared in common by these councils, each identifying astutely its asset base and each very positively promoting investment opportunities and economic development to maximise the advantage of these assets. Whilst the differences are acknowledged, the approach to the future is similar and very positive. The diversity will in fact be a strength to the new municipality of Delatite given this uniformly positive attitude to development in the future.

In the interim report the Board indicated that the new municipality of Delatite will need to retain a significant local government presence in Mansfield, due to size of the municipality and the focus on tourism and economic development in the Mansfield area.

The Board wishes to confirm that view as part of this final report, and further recommends the use of special committees under section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in this context.

Further concern was expressed by Mansfield Council and the Mansfield community about the Delatite proposal, primarily owing to the perception that the new council would be dominated by Benalla. The Board does not accept this view. Rural interests across the municipality will make up about 47% of the population. They will be balanced by Benalla city and Mansfield township which together will comprise about 53% of the population. Representation will therefore reflect a diversity of rural interests and no single part or sectional interest in the new municipality will be able to dominate the electoral process.

A further issue of concern to Mansfield is its relationship with the Alpine Resorts Commission (ARC). At the time of writing, the Board had not had access to the final report of the recent review of the ARC and could not therefore comment on the future relationship with relevant councils. The report may identify changes in the role of local government in relation to the snowfields however the Board does not believe that such changes are sufficient reason to change the proposed municipality of Delatite.

Having considered all the matters raised in submissions on Delatite and noting the support from both Benallas, the Board confirms its interim recommendation for creation of the new municipality of Delatite.

King River Catchment - boundary between Mansfield and Oxley

The Shire of Oxley has requested a minor amendment to the existing boundary between Oxley and Mansfield to incorporate the proclaimed catchment of the King River, including Lake William Hovell within the Milawa municipality. Oxley has expressed concerns that development in the catchment, such as the proposed Mt Stirling development, could have a detrimental effect on the catchment which may ultimately become an important source of water for Wangaratta. The area is not populated and has no other major local government implications for either municipality.

The Board has considered this proposal and believes such an adjustment could be made by mutual agreement between the new municipalities of Milawa and Delatite.

Glenrowan/Warby Ranges

The Shire of Wangaratta has raised the issue of the proposed boundary for the inclusion of Glenrowan township in the Milawa proposal, which alienated a small triangle of land containing one house, part of Glenrowan, from the remainder of the township.

The Board acknowledges the minor boundary anomaly and has adjusted the technical descriptions accordingly to include the houses of the Glenrowan township in Milawa.

The City and Shire of Benalla requested a review of the proposed boundary between Delatite and Milawa in the vicinity of the Warby Ranges. The councils argued that residents of the western side of the Ranges have strong educational and community links with Benalla. Similarly the councils sought the inclusion of the four Taminick wineries in Delatite to enhance the focus of wine production in the municipality.

The Board considered the issues raised regarding the Warby Ranges and decided, on balance, the western slopes of the Ranges should be included in Delatite. The Board is recommending the ridge line of the Range as the boundary between Delatite and Milawa in that area.

Peechelba

A further boundary anomaly has occurred in the Peechelba district. The land in question is part of the natural growth of the Peechelba area.

The Board has considered this matter and believes the whole of the parish of Peechelba should be included in Milawa.

Violet Town

The Board received representation from the Shire of Violet Town on the proposal to be included in Strathbogie.

The Council indicated to the Board that it felt that the Violet Town community with its largely rural focus, would be far better served by the regional centre of the City of Greater Shepparton rather than with the rural-oriented Strathbogie proposal.

This view has been put strongly to the Board by the Council supported by a large petition. Whilst the Board accepts that many people in Violet Town have a regional orientation towards Shepparton for services, it is not clear from the expressions of community concern whether the full implications of such a move for local government purposes are well understood. Greater Shepparton will not be the Shepparton City Council with which Violet Town is familiar. Greater Shepparton will be a municipality of some 54,000 people with a strong urban centre in Shepparton-Mooroopna and a clear focus on irrigation farming, orchards, horticulture and related food production.

The Board received a number of submissions supporting the inclusion of Violet Town in Strathbogie on the

basis of common agricultural and environmental concerns.

Violet Town, by contrast with a population of only 1,500, is characterised by broad hectare dryland farming along the Strathbogie foothills and plains. It shares these characteristics with its neighbours along the Hume corridor.

Violet Town Council has publicly acknowledged that its area is unlikely to have any direct representation on a Greater Shepparton Council but nevertheless believes that it will receive better service for its rural areas from the financially robust Greater Shepparton.

The Board does not agree with this scenario and believes that for local government purposes Violet Town will be better served in a rural municipality with which it has much in common and with which it will have a better shared understanding and awareness of its servicing needs.

Having considered all submissions and representations, the Board therefore confirms the proposal in the interim report that Violet Town less the Caniambo, Tamleugh and Warrenbayne districts should be included in Strathbogie.

Yabba district

In its interim report the Board, proposed that the Yabba district be incorporated into the Greater Shepparton proposal based on the similarity of agriculture.

Following further discussions with the Shire of Tungamah, the Board has agreed to leave this district within Muckatah to maintain a new established land fill site and private quarry servicing the Muckatah area.

Murchison

In its interim report, the Board proposed the inclusion of Murchison and Murchison East, presently in the Shires of Waranga and Goulburn respectively, in the City of Greater Shepparton.

Waranga supports this proposal and suggests that the Parish of Murchison and part of the Parish of Noorilim should be included in the City of Greater Shepparton. Goulburn argues that Murchison/Murchison East are similar to the rural communities included in Strathbogie, to achieve a balance in the rural/small township mix and should be included in that municipality. Submissions from the community supported the area being unified in one municipality, but were divided as to whether that should be Greater Shepparton or Strathbogie.

Having considered all the submissions, the Board confirms the recommendation in the interim report to include the Murchison/Murchison East districts in the City of Greater Shepparton, through the inclusion of the Parish of Murchison and part of the Parish of Noorilim.

Kyabram and the proposed Campaspe municipality

In the Board's interim report the Town of Kyabram was merged with the proposed City of Greater Shepparton. The Board acknowledged that "... *Kyabram is exactly half way between Shepparton and Echuca and so goes either way depending on the requirements or opportunities at the time.*" It has also sought further comment from the community on where the future strength of Kyabram lies.

A number of issues have arisen since the release of the interim report which lead the Board to the conclusion that Kyabram township is better placed in the new municipality of Campaspe.

It has been acknowledged that the joining of Kyabram to the proposed municipality of Campaspe would certainly strengthen Campaspe in both population and rate income without significantly limiting the proposed Greater Shepparton. It is suggested that the proposed larger Campaspe will have an improved capacity to:

- achieve greater economies of scale
- have a stronger political voice
- attract further value adding industries in the food processing field
- provide a suitable mix of rural and urban centres
- promote an integrated approach to regional tourism.

Community support

There has been overwhelming community support for Kyabram and its dependent hinterland to be included in the Campaspe proposal, with 90% of those attending a public meeting on 12 September 1994 in Kyabram supporting the proposal.

Resource sharing

The Board acknowledges that the resource sharing done by Kyabram is oriented to the west with family day care, environmental health, library services, road construction and garbage disposal all examples of services shared with municipalities comprising the current Campaspe proposal. This is not to deny strong relationships with Greater Shepparton, which are also generally acknowledged by the community.

Kyabram's hinterland

The inclusion of Kyabram into the Campaspe proposal provides a geographical balance of rural and commercial service centres throughout the area. This is particularly important for the smaller dependent townships of Tongala, Girgarre, Stanhope, and Rushworth, all of which use Kyabram for commercial services (shopping, banking and professional services) and the provision of primary industry services.

The Board acknowledges Kyabram's labour force engaged in manufacturing at the large food processing plants at Stanhope, Rochester and Tongala. These processing plants are within the proposed municipality of Campaspe.

Tourism

Strong representation was made to the Board on this issue, based on the linkages between visitors to the Echuca area and the flow on to Kyabram's fauna park and other tourist attractions in the area. Marketing and promotion will be more easily co-ordinated with all of these attractions in the Campaspe proposal.

The Board has considered the submissions and representations made to it, and decided on balance that Kyabram, with a small portion of Rodney to provide for urban overspill, should be part of the Campaspe municipality.

McIvor and the City of Greater Bendigo

The Board's interim report recommended the inclusion of the Shire of McIvor in the municipality of Mitchell.

The Shire of McIvor's preferred option was the formation of a rural shire to the east of Bendigo, including the Shires of Pyalong, Waranga and portions of the City of Greater Bendigo and the Shires of Kyneton and Metcalfe.

The Shire of McIvor and many of its residents have opposed the Mitchell proposal, on the basis that the community has significant community of interest linkages to Bendigo and west, rather than to the east. McIvor has resolved to seek the addition of the whole municipality to the City of Greater Bendigo. This is on the basis that McIvor is not a Goulburn Valley council. The major sphere of influence in the area is Bendigo and not towns to the east. The physical barrier of extensive tracts of state forest and the Puckapunyal live firing range exists between the area and the remainder of the Mitchell municipality.

McIvor cited a wide range of social and economic linkages with the Bendigo area, opportunity to improve the co-ordination of land management and salinity control in relation to Lake Eppalock and the management of the dryland upper reaches of the Campaspe River catchment as reasons why the excising of McIvor from the Mitchell proposal will result in a more appropriate local government structure for the area.

The Puckapunyal Range presently covers four municipalities - McIvor, Pyalong, Seymour and Goulburn. The Mitchell proposal will bring the majority of the range into one municipality.

The Shires of Broadford, Pyalong and Rural City of Seymour oppose the excising of McIvor from the Mitchell proposal. However, the Councils do concede that a partition of McIvor, with the Heathcote district joining the City of Greater Bendigo and the remainder of the Shire, including the Puckapunyal Range and the rural area around Tooborac, remaining in Mitchell would be acceptable. The Councils consider this would be an outcome that satisfies the desires of the Heathcote community and retains the rural/urban balance in Mitchell.

The Board carefully considered all submissions and on balance believes McIvor should be partitioned to achieve an outcome that recognises the influence of Bendigo on the Heathcote community and enhances the co-ordination of land management around Lake Eppalock. The Board is conscious of the need to ensure the Mitchell municipality has sufficient strength to provide effective and efficient local government services for rural residents and those living in the small towns in the proposed municipality.

Therefore, the Board proposes the Heathcote and Lake Eppalock hinterland, districts of McIvor should be included in the City of Greater Bendigo. The remaining districts of McIvor including the Puckapunyal Range, Tooborac and Mia Mia districts will remain in the municipality of Mitchell.

Avenel

The Avenel township and its hinterland is located in the north east portion of the Rural City of Seymour. The Board's interim report recommended the area should be included in the Strathbogie municipality. This proposal is supported by the Shires of Euroa and Goulburn, as the councils believe the proposal builds on existing community links and fits comfortably with the rural philosophy on which the Strathbogie municipality is predicated.

The Rural City of Seymour does not support the Board's proposal - as the Avenel township has become a dormitory suburb of Seymour, with strong community links to Seymour township. Seymour has recommended the inclusion of the Avenel township in Mitchell and the rural areas surrounding the township in Strathbogie.

The communities' views of the Board's proposal appear diverse. Residents of the township appear to support the inclusion of the township in Mitchell, whilst residents of the rural areas wish to remain in Strathbogie.

Councils and residents have raised concerns about the impact of the inclusion/exclusion of Avenel in either the Mitchell or Strathbogie proposal. Seymour is concerned about the cross subsidy problem of the southern part of Strathbogie on services provided by the Mitchell municipality. Seymour accepts that such cross-subsidy is likely to occur, even if the township of Avenel is included in Mitchell and recommends negotiated service agreements should be made between the Strathbogie and Mitchell when the municipalities are established.

Both the Shire of Goulburn and the Rural City of Seymour have recommended the use of Hughes Creek as a more appropriate boundary between Strathbogie and Mitchell since the boundary presently proposed by the Board splits a number of properties.

Having considered these submissions, the Board confirms its interim report recommendation that the Avenel area remains in the Strathbogie municipality using the proposed boundary to the Hume Freeway and then using Hughes Creek as the boundary between the Strathbogie and Mitchell municipality.

Muckatah

The Board's Muckatah proposal has received considerable interest from all communities within its boundaries, with the main arguments being the loss of representation, the lack of community of interest and the proposed name. Whilst this interest has been positive from a community involvement perspective, the Board has not been convinced that the arguments put forward by those opposing the proposal are strong enough to dissuade it from its original proposal other than to change the name to one proposed by the majority of Councils in the area, Mid Murray.

The Board does, however, agree with the Shire of Tungamah's request to retain the Yabba area in the Muckatah proposal.

Other arguments raised by Councils objecting to the proposal include long distances for the effective delivery of services, competition for scarce tourist dollars and the diversity of the rural sector.

The Board has received two views on the Muckatah proposal, one supporting the larger area based on the five Councils and one supporting two smaller municipalities based on the Shires of Cobram, Yarrawonga and part of Tungamah and the Shires of Numurkah, Nathalia and the remaining portion of Tungamah.

All Councils in the region acknowledge the importance of a number of key issues with which they are all involved to some degree. Both views acknowledge that agriculture and horticulture are the major industries, with a range of associated manufacturing and processing operations dependent on the local farm products.

Environmental management

The current five Councils agree that they are unified geographically by the Murray, Goulburn, Ovens Rivers, Broken Creek and Broken River. The regional need to protect the important environmental assets of the river systems and the soil is also recognised by all parties.

The Board is of the belief that a larger municipal structure would be able to provide a more comprehensive approach to the region's environmental problems and have greater authority to discuss the need for increasingly limited State and Federal funding. The Board is not convinced that by concentrating the bulk of the "... *long term drainage problems in areas contained in the Parishes of Naring and Katunga*" into a smaller municipality would be the most effective method of dealing with this vital issue. Indeed the area contains more than the Muckatah Drainage basin and a regional approach would encompass the Congupna/Guilfus drainage scheme, the Invergordon Community Drainage Scheme and the Sheep Wash Creek Community Drainage Scheme. Drainage, soil erosion, salinity and flooding is not just the responsibility of the municipalities it affects but of all Councils in the area reliant on agriculture for their sustained existence.

Diversity of agriculture

The region is blessed with some of *"the most productive land in the world"*, with intensive irrigation, orchards and horticulture ranging through to dry land farming of beef, lambs and wool. The Board believes that this diversity can only strengthen the region's ability to market itself and better co-ordinate all agricultural activities.

Tourism

Cobram and Yarrawonga rely heavily on the Murray River as a focus for their style of tourism. The sporting clubs and "pokies" are an essential part of the tourist focus in the area. Nathalia and Numurkah also rely on the Murray River even though *"tourism is more orientated to the outdoor influence ... from Barmah to Ulupna Island."*

The Board acknowledges that whilst there are different styles of tourism in the area, it is not convinced that this would necessitate changing its proposal. The Board believes that there will be created a wide spectrum of tourism opportunities embracing both the Cobram/Yarrawonga style and the environmentaly focussed Barmah Forest area. This will provide the region with a more comprehensive range of tourism attractions, which can be coordinated and promoted by the one municipality.

Population

The point has been made that the distribution of population is different across the area and that this is another reason for creating two municipalities. The Board is of the opinion that with the one proposal, no one town will dominate. The three major regional centres will contribute approximately the same percentage of population:

- Shire of Numurkah with 27% of the population
- Shire of Cobram with 26% of the population
- Shire of Yarrawonga with 22% of the population.

Whilst it is important to note that the Board does not have any set criteria, the proposed Muckatah municipality stands out as being one of the stronger groupings of Councils in the North East, one which has the potential to grow even further due to the diversified economic base of the region being tourism and agriculture.

It has also been argued that there is no community of interest from one end of Muckatah to the other. This has been put to the Board in terms of "we never go there, we don't know anyone there and we have no relationship with them".

The Board accepts that people at one end of Muckatah do not shop or go to school or get newspapers from the other end. But these are not local government functions. There is, however a common interest across the municipality in agriculture, tourism and environmental issues. These will remain the key strategic issues for Muckatah municipality and they are all issues in which local government will play a significant role. The Board believes that the very existence of the new council will lead to greater awareness of these common issues across the breadth of the municipality and to the greater understanding of the full potential of Muckatah.

Overall the Board is not convinced that there is sufficient argument for splitting the Muckatah proposal and confirms the proposal contained in the interim report for the formation of a new council comprising the Shires of Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah, parts of Tungamah and parts of Yarrawonga.

Indeed the Board believes that the Muckatah region will have a flourishing tourism industry which can only improve with a co-ordinated approach to the regional diversification and a strong and diversified economy to be able to cope with the specific needs of the community.

The Board does acknowledge that the new municipality will need to ensure appropriate mechanisms such as customer service centres and local area management committees, are established at strategic locations throughout the municipality. These service centres and committees would ensure the continuation of the existing high level of local government responsiveness the communities of Muckatah currently received from their councils.

Buffalo River Valley/ Meeriang

The Buffalo River Valley is divided between the Shires of Oxley and Myrtleford with the river forming the boundary between the two municipalities. The valley can only be logically accessed from the Myrtleford township. The same can be said for the Merriang community, on the banks of the Buffalo River - in Oxley, but only accessible from Myrtleford.

The interim report proposed the establishment of the Alpine and Milawa municipalities, using the existing boundaries of the Buffalo River area.

The Shires of Bright, Myrtleford and Oxley in their responses to the interim report acknowledge the current boundary is inappropriate and now is the time to unite the valley. The Shire of Oxley recognises the close community of interest residents of the area have with Myrtleford township and has offered no objection to the inclusion of the valley in the Alpine Shire.

Having noted the councils agreements in relation to most appropriate municipal boundary for this area, the Board proposes that the Buffalo River valley and the Merriang community be included in the Alpine Shire.

Murmungee

The interim report proposed the inclusion of the Murmungee district of the United Shire of Beechworth in the municipality of Milawa. It appears that a substantial area of freehold land, included in the Parish of Murmungee but with strong community-links with Wangaratta has been isolated from the remainder of the area, through the use of the Buckland Gap Road as a boundary. Bright, Oxley and Myrtleford have considered this issue and proposed an alternative boundary that would include all of the Murmungee district in the Milawa municipality. Beechworth, Chiltern and Yackandandah also identified this anomaly.

Given the level of agreement at the local level for the correction of this anomaly, the Board recommends the inclusion of the Murmungee district to the east of the Buckland Gap Road in the municipality of Milawa.

Mount Stanley

The Board proposed the inclusion of the Mt Stanley district in the Alpine municipality. Bright and Myrtleford believe the outskirts of Stanley township have a stronger relationship to Beechworth and have proposed an amendment to facilitate this. Maps in the Beechworth submission anticipate a similar amendment to the boundary around Stanley. The Board received individual submissions seeking the unification of the Stanley area.

The Board has considered these matters and recommends a minor boundary adjustment in the vicinity of the Stanley township to ensure the whole area is in the Indigo municipality.

Gapsted/Mudgegonga districts

The Gapsted/Mudgegonga districts are located in the south east of Oxley and have strong functional and community of interest links with Myrtleford. Oxley recognises the close affinity between the Gapsted area and Myrtleford and offers no objection to its inclusion in the Alpine Shire. Beechworth, Chiltern and Yackandandah acknowledge that these communities are more strongly aligned to Myrtleford and their inclusion in the Alpine Shire would correct a long standing anomaly.

Given the agreement of the parties concerned, the Board considers that the Gapsted and that the remaining portion of the Mudgegonga district (in proposed Indigo municipality) should be included in the Alpine Shire.

Indigo and Towong boundary

In its interim report, the Board proposed realigning the existing municipal boundary between Tallangatta, Yackandandah and Wodonga to the western shoreline of Lake Hume. The boundary presently follows the course of the submerged Mitta Mitta River and is located at an indefinable point in the Lake.

The Rural City of Wodonga raised a number of issues arising from the Board's proposal, including foreshore management and public liability and road maintenance. The Council supports retaining the existing boundary in the Lake Hume area.

The Board has considered the issues raised by Wodonga and agrees to revert to the existing boundary of the submerged Mitta Mitta River between Towong and Indigo.

Wodonga and the "historical shires"

The Board's interim report proposed the establishment of an "Indigo" municipality comprising portions of the United Shire of Beechworth, Shire of Chiltern, Shire of Rutherglen, Rural City of Wodonga and portions of the Shire of Yackandandah.

The Rural City of Wodonga and the Shire of Rutherglen supported the Board's proposal. Beechworth, Chiltern and Yackandandah oppose the Indigo proposal.

The Board's proposal has been widely debated within the community. Much of this debate focused on the relationship between Wodonga and the smaller communities that surround it and the degree to which the aspirations of these communities are complementary or polarised.

Beechworth, Chiltern and Yackandandah's joint submission to the Board focuses on the emphasis of Wodonga's relationship with Albury and the lack of representation for small towns and rural areas incorporated in the Indigo proposal. The councils believe that the imbalance of representation would result in a Wodonga focus to the detriment of economic development, heritage conservation, strategic planning and the long term cost of local government in the surrounding areas.

The Board does not accept many of these arguments, which are largely based on speculation and anecdotal evidence, mostly unsubstantiated. The Board's view is that Councillors are representatives of the community and ultimately responsible for and accountable to the whole community of their municipality. This situation will be reinforced by a move towards whole council triennial elections. There is no evidence to support the view that an Indigo council would seek to harm the economy of the rural towns or to bias all budgets and service programs to Wodonga at the expense of other constituents.

The difference cited between the rural and urban areas is difficult to sustain, given much of the evidence tendered to the Board of community, residential, tourism and economic linkages that criss-cross the sub-region. The region functions as an integrated unit, binding the communities together through recreational, economic and community linkages. This was widely acknowledged, even by those supporting a division of Indigo.

The Board, however, does acknowledge that the regional orientation of Wodonga, whilst commented on in the interim report, was not given sufficient weight. During the last twenty years both Commonwealth and State Governments have supported and promoted the Albury-Wodonga connection. In recent years, changes to the powers of the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation, in particular the removal of its planning powers, has lead to increased cooperation between Wodonga Council and their counterparts across the Murray in New South Wales. Wodonga's priorities in corporate planning and strategic focus is therefore increasingly likely to be on its own community and Albury.

This is not to say the ongoing relationship between the Wodonga municipality and its hinterland will not be of great importance and that co-operative ventures for tourism and regional development will not continue to be required. Whilst Wodonga may not offer the same tourist opportunities as the "historic" communities do, it does provide a significant tourist infrastructure base for the region. The opportunity to streamline and strengthen regional co-operation based on existing structures are great.

The Board has received a significant number of submissions supporting the formation of an "historic districts" council - comprising the existing municipal districts of the United Shire of Beechworth, Shire of Chiltern, Shire of Rutherglen and the Shire of Yackandandah (or at least those portions of the municipalities not identified in the Alpine or Milawa proposals).

Beechworth, Chiltern and Yackandandah have argued that formation of an historic districts council will create a shared vision for the area, focusing on the environmental priorities (heritage, protection of the rural environment) and the special economic and social needs of small towns and rural communities. They further argue that these matters are so important that their communities will be willing to forego potential savings

from the Indigo proposal of $1 to $1.5 million a year more than those likely to be derived from creating two councils in the area.

The Board has considered carefully all the submissions and representations made to it and has decided, on balance, to review its proposal for the Indigo municipality.

The Board therefore proposes the formation of two municipalities in the area - an enlarged municipality of Wodonga and a municipality of Indigo.

The basis of this decision is a finely balanced judgement, only arrived at after many hours of intense deliberation, that the focus of Wodonga is primarily towards its relationship with Albury and that this relationship will ultimately be more important to the prosperity of the region than its relationship with the historic districts.

From a purely Victorian perspective, the Board remains confident that the Indigo proposal would have been a very good outcome for the area. However, when looked at in the broader context and acknowledging the historical weight of the Albury-Wodonga concept and the need to promote it vigorously in the context of increasing Federal focus in regional development, the Board has concluded on balance to strengthen Wodonga and divorce the "historic" districts to form a new municipality of Indigo.

4. Other issues

Names

In order to emphasise the fact that the municipalities recommended in the interim report were new, the Board gave them names. Leaving aside this symbolic function, it adopted these names partly to draw attention to important historic and geographic features and partly for ease of reference.

The Board was pleased that the majority of councils have embraced both the concept of the proposed municipalities and their suggested names.

Wodonga and Indigo Shire

In the light of the Board's revised proposal for the Wodonga area, the Board considers the appropriate names for the proposed municipalities are the Municipality of Wodonga for the enlarged Wodonga-based municipality and the Municipality of Indigo for the municipality comprising the portions of the United Shire of Beechworth, Shire of Chiltern, Shire of Rutherglen and the portions of the Shire of Yackandandah.

Mid Murray

The Board received a significant amount of correspondence regarding the Muckatah proposal, which expressed concern about the name identified for the new municipality. Given the Murray River focus of the new municipality, the Board now believes it is appropriate for the proposed municipality to be named the Municipality of Mid Murray.

Consultative mechanisms

Creating new local government units with responsibilities for an expanded area will change levels of representation. Therefore the Board believes the new councils will need to take additional measures to ensure consultative mechanisms are in place to give local communities an effective say in decision making.

The Shire of Shepparton supports such processes and has *"... actively encouraged and supports section 86 Special Committees* (established under the Local Government Act 1986)." The Shire believes these committees provide an enormous benefit to the general community and generate a mutual respect for the contributions of each party in this form of management.

The Board agrees and believes that special committees formed under Section 86 of the Local Government Act could be constituted to represent particular geographic areas or particular economic or infrastructure interest, from which their membership would be drawn and to which their attention would be addressed.

Local area management committees are one example of a special committee of council that could be formed under the Act. Such a committee could be serviced by a decentralised customer service centre and function as an authoritative advisory and management adjunct to the council. The membership of such a committee needs

to achieve a balance between an adequate size to represent a diversity of views, whilst not becoming so large that it is unwieldy or duplicating the role of council proper.

Financial issues and rating

The Potential for Savings

The interim report noted that "restructuring offers considerable scope for improving the efficiency of local government in Victoria" and that it is "possible to achieve significant savings through reform without reducing the level of services which local government offers. In fact, restructuring has the potential to free resources and allow the range and extent of council services to be expanded."

A number of submissions recognised the potential for savings from restructuring. The Shire of Euroa, for example, noted that "it is clear that efficiencies and economies of scale will significantly reduce local government expenditure".

Councils have not disputed that savings can be achieved through municipal restructuring in north east Victoria, although several challenged the level of savings indicated for some proposals in the interim report.

The Shire of Tallangatta argued that the economies of scale indicated by the Board are not achievable, particularly in respect of road plant and other vehicles and the purchasing of road-making materials. The Board acknowledges that economies of scale will not be achieved uniformly across all restructured municipalities. A range of savings has therefore been indicated for each proposal, accommodating various assumptions regarding economies of scale that may be achieved in capital and recurrent expenditure.

The City and Shire of Benalla both submitted that the Board's financial analysis of the proposed Municipality of Delatite was deficient in that it did not allow for the provision of two service centres in the new municipality. While the Board's analysis does recognise the need for multiple service centres in each proposed municipality in north east Victoria, it is assumed that these would not function as separate administrations.

The joint submission of the United Shire of Beechworth and the Shires of Chiltern and Yackandandah reiterated the level of savings associated with the Historic Districts proposal and explored the rating implications of that proposal.

The joint submission from the Shires of Nathalia, Numurkah, Tungamah and Yarrawonga provided financial and rating details of their alternative restructure proposal for that area.

Rates

In its interim report the Board noted that, while the new municipalities themselves will decide how savings will be applied, it was useful to assess the impact each restructuring proposal might have on the rating burdens of the various communities. It therefore developed a potential rating structure for each proposed municipality, but stressed that "in each case, this is only one of several 'rating solutions' that could be developed and implemented".

For the majority of proposals, the Board assumed that a standard rating system based on net annual value would be applied across the new municipality. However, for three proposals, capital improved value (CIV) was used. The interim report noted that "while an NAV rating base has generally been assumed for modelling purposes, this does not preclude the possibility that new municipalities will elect to use CIV instead".

The Shires of Broadford and Pyalong, which already rate on the basis of CIV, applauded the Board's use of CIV in the rating model for the Municipality of Mitchell.

The City of Benalla and the Shire of Mansfield, which has moved to a CIV rating base for 1994-95, also supported the use of CIV. The City noted that this would provide access to differential rating "as a means of equitably distributing costs and savings".

The Shires of Benalla and Oxley expressed concern about the outcomes the Board's rating models for the municipalities of Delatite and Milawa respectively. The Shire of Benalla also argued that savings should be directed towards additional capital works rather than used to lower rates.

The Local Government Board reiterates that the actual rating structure adopted by each new municipality could vary markedly from the Board's potential structure and will be influenced by such factors as the magnitude of the savings realised through restructure, how Councils use these savings, and the valuation base used for rating purposes.

Representation

The submissions indicated a general support for the new municipalities to have between nine and twelve councillors, with some support for the establishment of single member wards.

All councils believe there should be an speedy return to democratically elected councillors, following the establishment of the new municipalities. The Board endorses this view, as it has in all other reviews it has undertaken.

Transitional issues

Who should manage the transition period for new councils?

The interim report noted that the sections of the *Local Government Act* on changing municipal boundaries give the Minister for Local Government wide-ranging powers to determine how council affairs should be run during the transitional period. It also noted that the Minister for Local Government had stated that the tasks for the transitional period are different from those which existing councils were elected. However, he would consider existing councillors as commissioners, but they would be appointed on merit as individuals, not as representatives of former councils.

Several councils in response to the interim report argued that Commissioners and Acting Chief Executive Officers should be persons from outside the municipality, but with local government experience relevant to the area.

For how long should commissioners be appointed?

The Board expressed the view in the interim report that the shortest possible time should elapse before the new councillors are elected, subject to satisfactory progress in developing an adequate organisational and procedural framework for council operations.

Most councils, in response to the interim report, supported the Board's view that the transition should be as short as possible.

What advisory structures should be established?

While a commissioner or commissioners with clear executive responsibilities would normally be appointed to manage each restructuring proposal, the Board said in its interim report that there would be a need for advisory committee in the north east, possibly involving existing councillors.

A number of councils in the reference area have supported the appointment of advisory committees to assist in this process of transition.

What will happen to other community bodies on which councillors have been representatives?

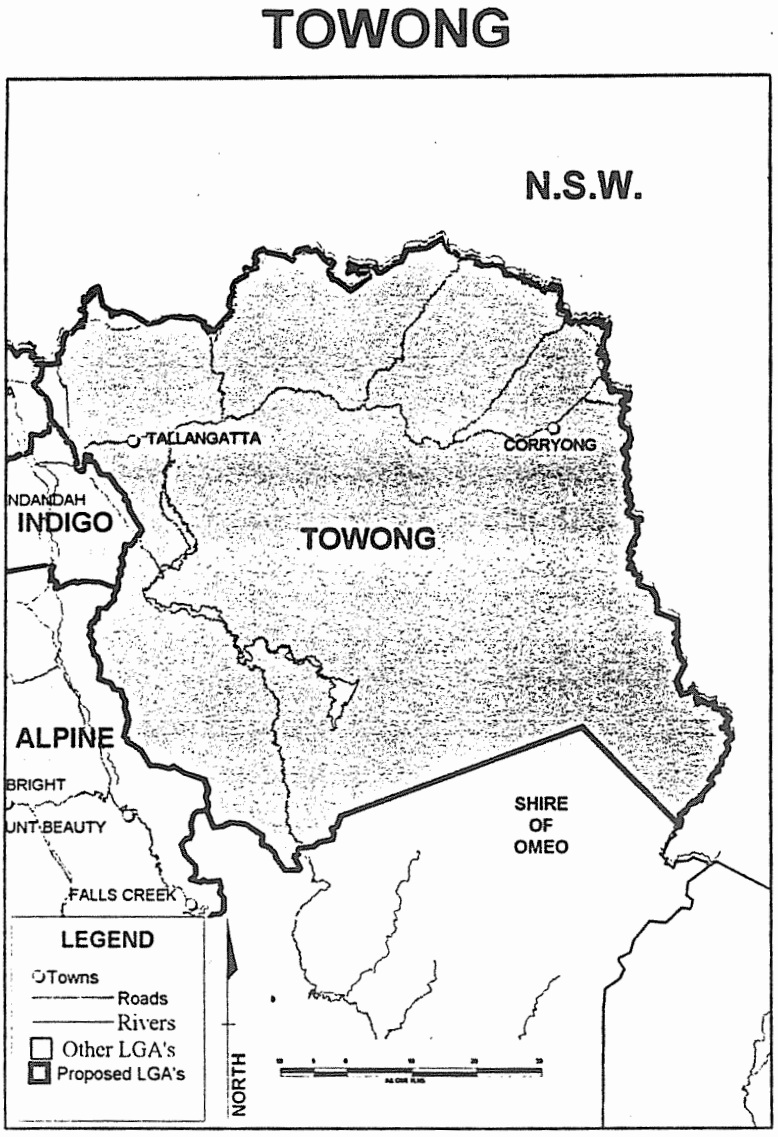
The Board noted in its interim report that most councillors also serve as council representatives on a wide variety of bodies, including statutory bodies, trusts, regional groups and the like. The Board stated that new councils can benefit greatly from the experience and goodwill of councillors and recommended that commissioners, as a matter of urgency, consider reappointing existing councillors to their current positions on these various bodies.

5. The Proposals

Proposal 1. Municipality of Towong

In its interim report the Board recommended that a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Tallangatta and the Shire of Upper Murray, to be known as the Municipality of Towong.

Having considered further submissions, the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the adjustment of the boundary between Towong and Wodonga in the Lake Hume area to the former course of the Mitta Mitta River.



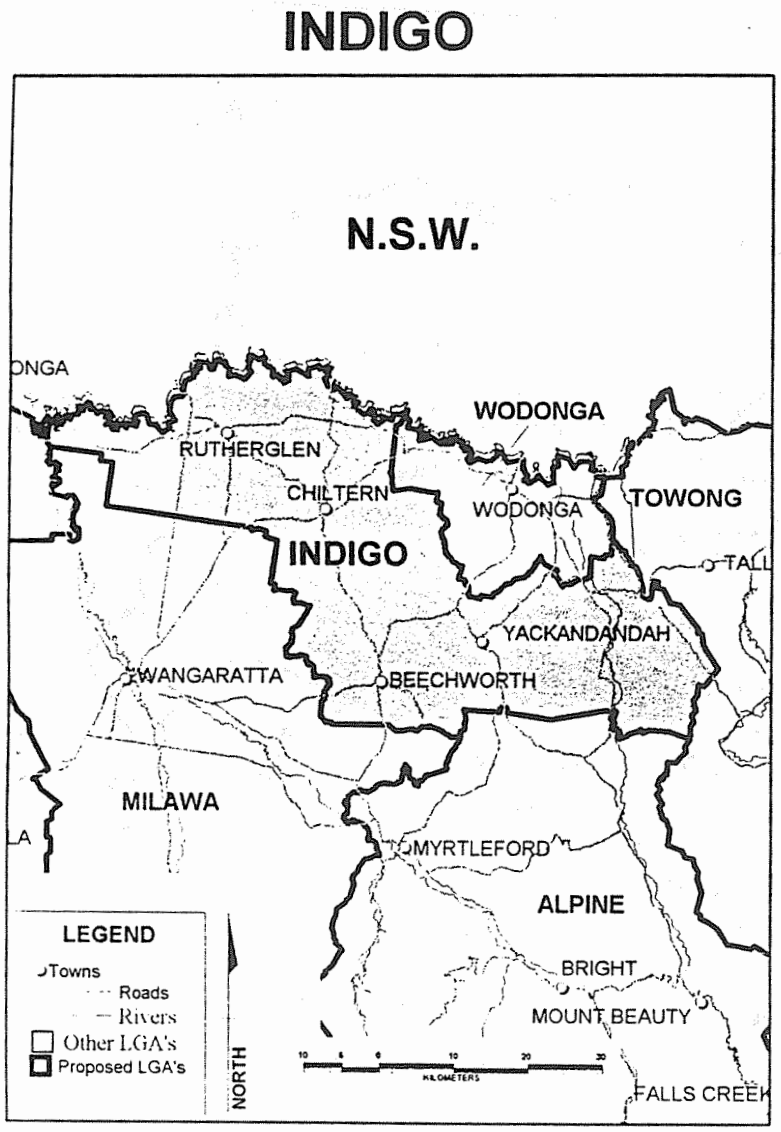
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 6,720 and its rate revenue will be around $2.29 million, based on current rating levels. It will occupy an area of about 6,635 sq km.

Proposal 2. Municipality of Indigo

In its interim report the Board recommended that a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth less the Murmungee and Mt Stanley districts, the Shire of Chiltern, the Shire of Rutherglen, the Rural City of Wodonga, and the Shire of Yackandandah less the Dederang district, to be known as the Municipality of Indigo.

Having consider further submissions and representations, the Board has decided to recommend the creation of the Municipality of Indigo.

The municipality of Indigo will comprise the United Shire of Beechworth less the Murmungee, Mt Stanley and Mudgegonga districts, the Shire of Chiltern less the Barnawartha North district, the Shire of Rutherglen and the Shire of Yackandandah less the Baranduda and Dederang districts.



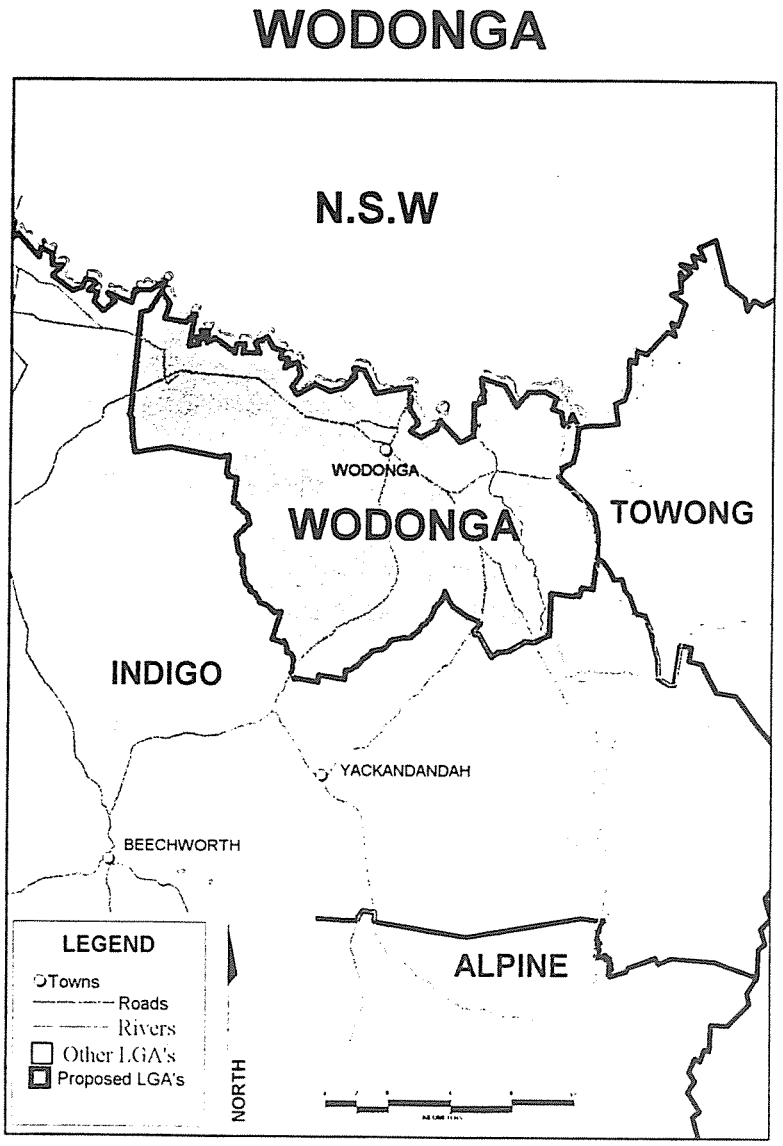
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 14,159, and its rate revenue will be around $3.59 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 1,937 sq Km.

Proposal 3. Municipality of Wodonga

In its interim report the Board recommended that a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth less the Murmungee and Mt Stanley districts, the Shire of Chiltern, the Shire of Rutherglen, the Rural City of Wodonga, and the Shire of Yackandandah less the Dederang district, to be known as the Municipality of Indigo.

Having considered further submissions and representations, the Board has decided to recommend the creation of the Municipality of Wodonga.

The municipality of Wodonga will comprise the Barnawartha North district of the Shire of Chiltern, the Baranduda district of the Shire of Yackandandah and the Rural City of Wodonga. The boundary between Wodonga and Towong will be subject to an adjustment in the Lake Hume area to the former course of the Mitta Mitta River.



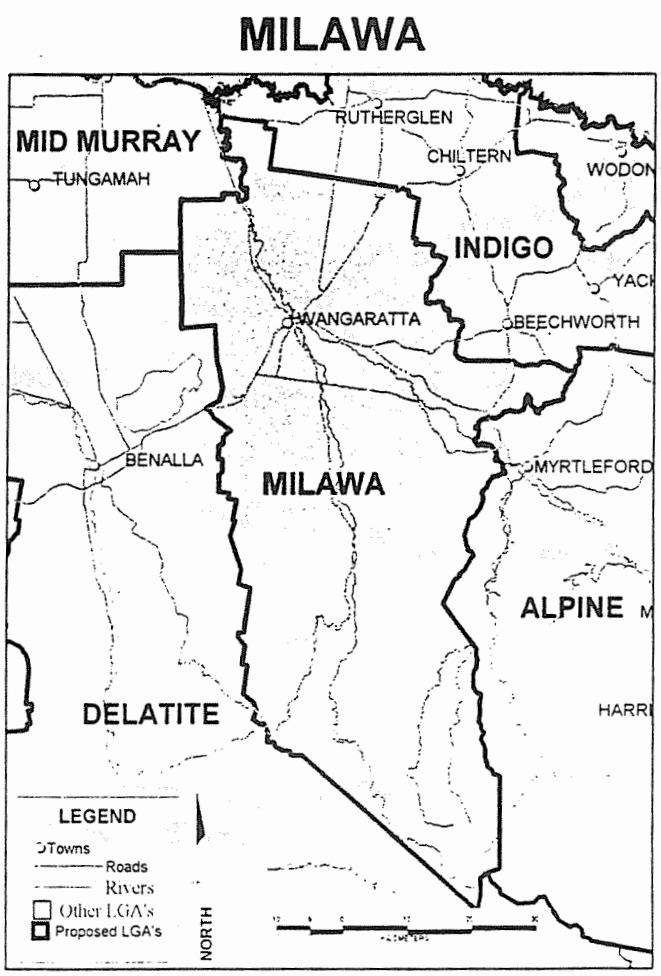
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 30,000, and its rate revenue will be around $7.95 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 400 sq Km.

Proposal 4. Municipality of Milawa

In its interim report, the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth's Murmungee district, the Shire of Benalla's Glenrowan district, the Shire of Oxley, the City of Wangaratta, the Shire of Wangaratta and the Shire of Yarrawonga's Peechelba district, to be known as the Municipality of Milawa.

Having considered further submissions and representations the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the following amendments:

- realigning the eastern boundary of Milawa to exclude the Buffalo River valley, Merriang, and Gapsted districts (Oxley)
- realign the northern boundary in the Peechelba district to include the remaining portion of the Parish of Peechelba (Yarrawonga) in Milawa
- realign the western boundary to exclude the western slopes of the Warby Ranges
- a minor amendment in the Glenrowan district (Shire of Benalla) to include a small additional area in Milawa
- realign the eastern boundary to include the remainder of the Murmungee district (Beechworth).



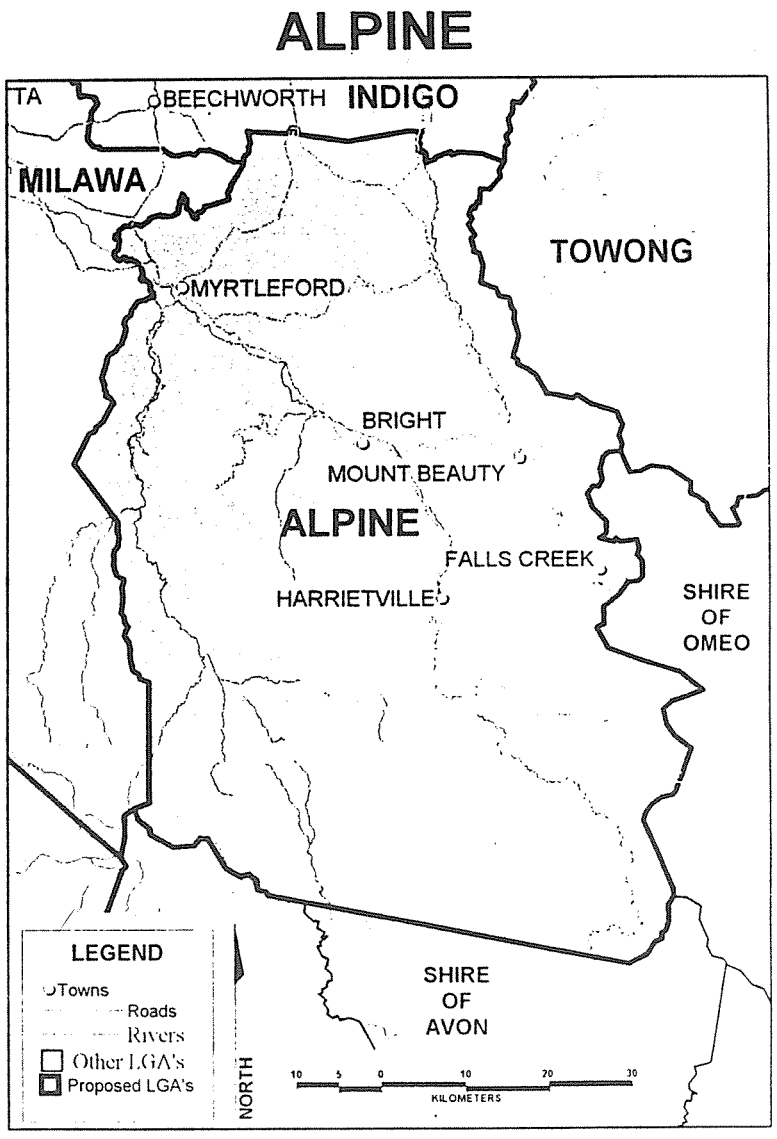
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 25,409, and its rate revenue will be around $7.88 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 3,764 sq Km.

Proposal 5. Alpine Shire

In its interim report, the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the United Shire of Beechworth's Mt Stanley district, the Shire of Bright, the Shire of Myrtleford and the Shire of Yackandandah's Dederang district, to be known as the Alpine Shire.

Having considered further submissions, the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the following amendments:

- amend the south eastern boundary to include the Dinner Plain district and associated infrastructure (Omeo)
- realign the western boundary to include the Buffalo River valley, Gapsted, and Merriang districts (Oxley)
- realign the northern boundary to exclude the Murmungee/Stanley areas (Beechworth)
- realign the northern boundary to include the remainder of the Mudgegonga district (Beechworth).



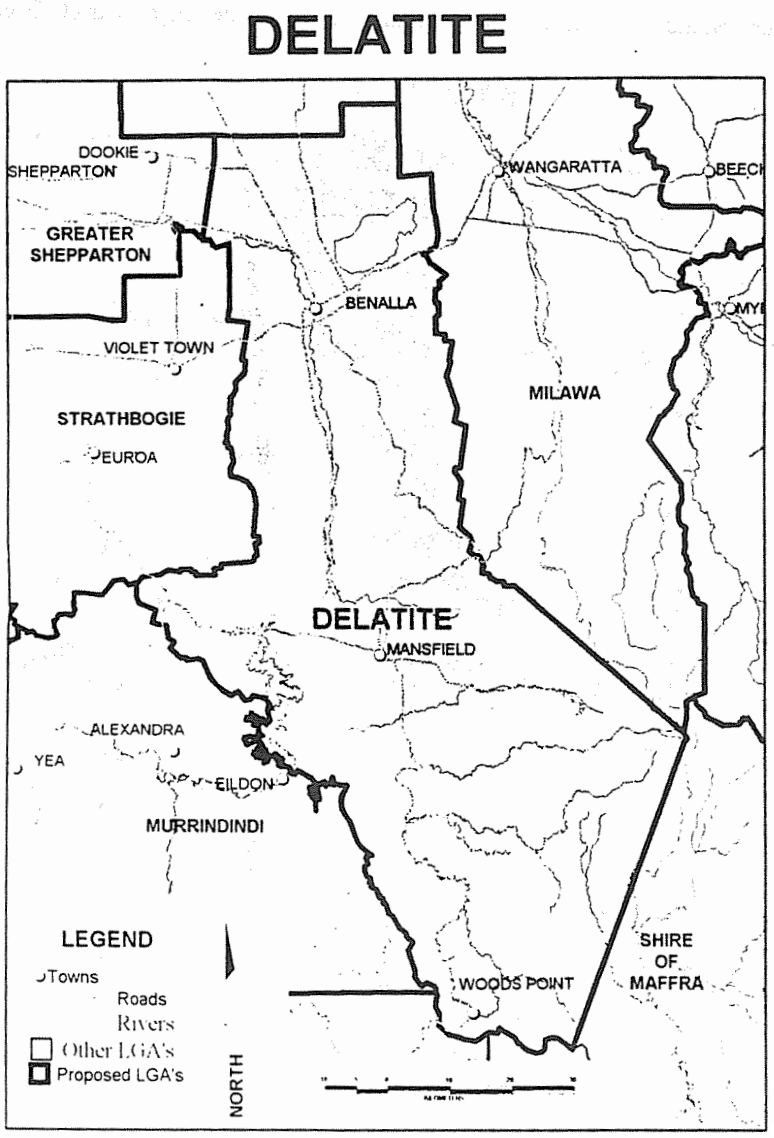
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 14,052, and its rate revenue will be around $4.39 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 5,005 sq Km.

Proposal 6. Municipality of Delatite

In its interim report, the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the City of Benalla, the Shire of Benalla less the Glenrowan district and the Shire of Mansfield to be known as the Municipality of Delatite.

Having considered further submissions and representation, the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the following adjustments:

- realign the western boundary to include the Warrenbayne district (Violet Town)
- realign the eastern boundary to include the western slopes of the Warby Ranges
- realign the eastern boundary to exclude an additional small portion of the Glenrowan district.



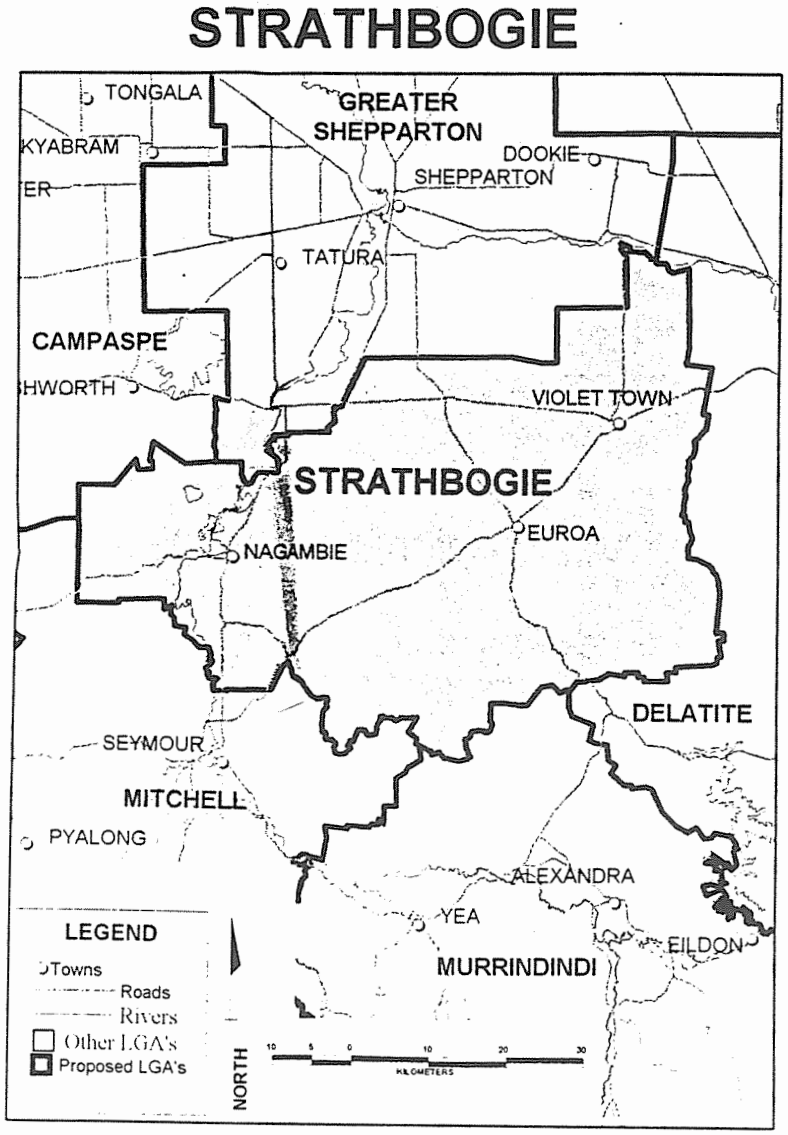
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 20,125, and its rate revenue will be around $7.09 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 6,189 sq Km.

Proposal 7. Municipality of Strathbogie

In its interim report, the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Euroa less the Arcadia and Karromomus districts, the Shire of Goulburn less the Murchison East district, the Rural City of Seymour's Avenel district and the Shire of Violet Town less the Caniambo and Tamleugh districts to be know as the Municipality of Strathbogie.

Having considered further submissions and representations the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the following adjustments:

- realign the eastern boundary to exclude the Warrenbayne district (Violet Town)
- realign the southern boundary to exclude the Terip Terip district (Euroa)
- realign the south western boundary to utilise the Hughes Creek in the Avenel district as the boundary between Strathbogie and Mitchell.



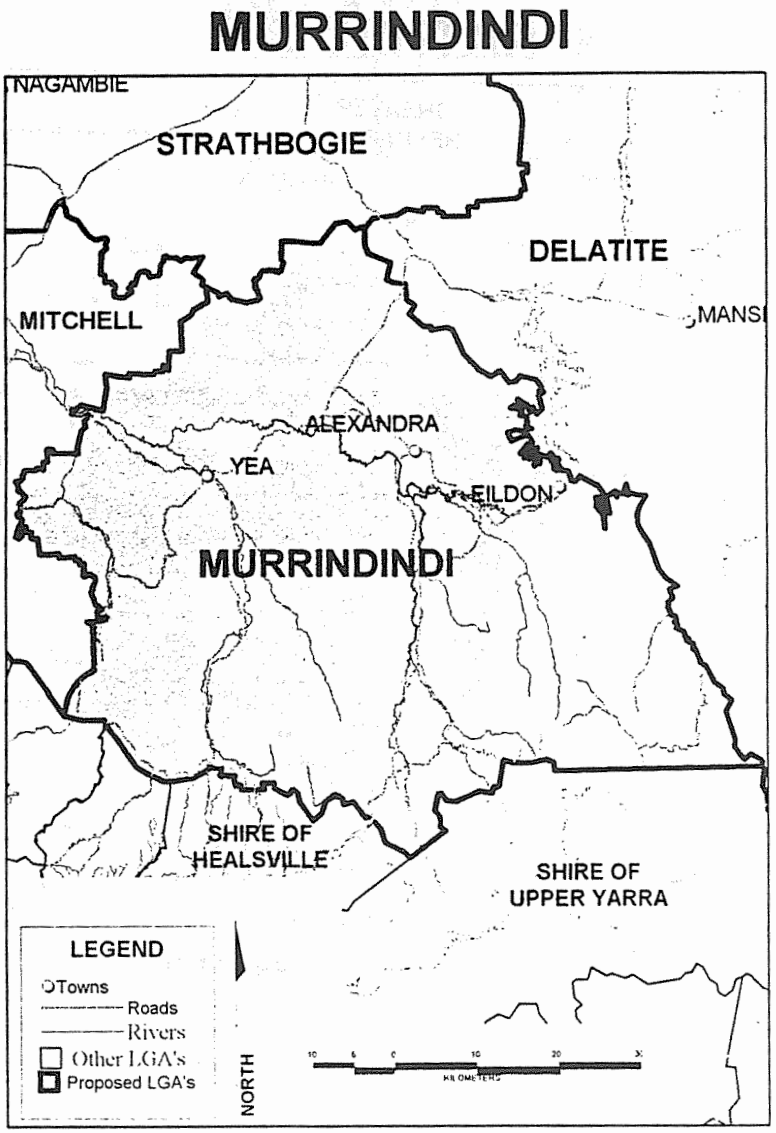
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 8,200, and its rate revenue will be around $3.90 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 2,950 sq Km.

Proposal 8. Municipality of Murrindindi

In its interim report the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Alexandra, the Shire of Eltham's Kinglake district, the City of Whittlesea's Kinglake West district and the Shire of Yea less the King Parrot Creek district, to be known as the Municipality of Murrindindi.

Having considered further submissions and representations the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the following adjustements:

- realign the northern boundary to include the Terip Terip district (Euroa)
- realign the western boundary to include the King Parrot Creek and Strath Creek districts (Broadford)
- realign the southern boundary to include the Toolangi/Castella districts of the Shire of Healesville and make a minor adjustment in the vicinity of Kinglake National Park.



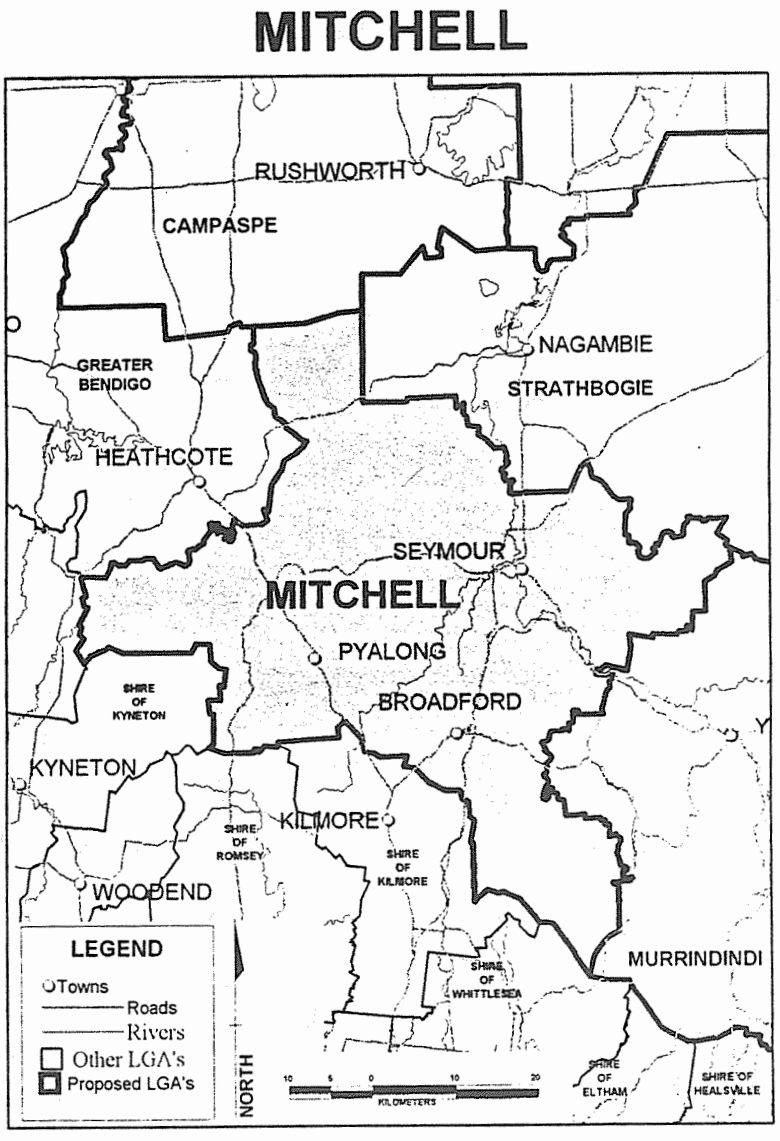
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 11,200, and its rate revenue will be around $4.61 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 3,866 sq Km.

Proposal 9. Municipality of Mitchell

In its interim report, the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Broadford, the Shire of McIvor, the Shire of Pyalong, the Rural City of Seymour less the Avenel district and the Shire of Yea's King Parrot Creek district, to be known as the municipality of Mitchell.

Having received further submissions and representations the Board has concluded that, on balance, the Heathcote and Lake Eppalock districts should be joined to the City of Greater Bendigo. It also concluded the Mia Mia, Puckapunyal Range and Tooborac districts should remain in Mitchell.

The Board also concluded an amendment should be made to the south eastern boundary to exclude the King Parrot Creek, Flowerdale, and Strath Creek districts and that Hughes Creek in the Avenel district should become the north east boundary between Mitchell and Strathbogie.



The population of the new municipality will be approximately 17,054, and its rate revenue will be around $5.23 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 2,526 sq Km.

Proposal 10. Municipality of Mid Murray

In its interim report, the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Cobram, the Shire of Nathalia, the Shire of Numurkah, the Shire of Tungamah less the Katandra and Yabba districts and the Shire of Yarrawonga less the Peechelba district, to be known as the Municipality of Muckatah.

Following further consideration of submissions and representations, the Board confirmed its original proposal subject to the following adjustments:

- realign the southern boundary to include the Yabba district
- minor realignment to exclude the remainder of the Parish of Peechelba.

The Board agreed to change the name of the municipality to Mid Murray.

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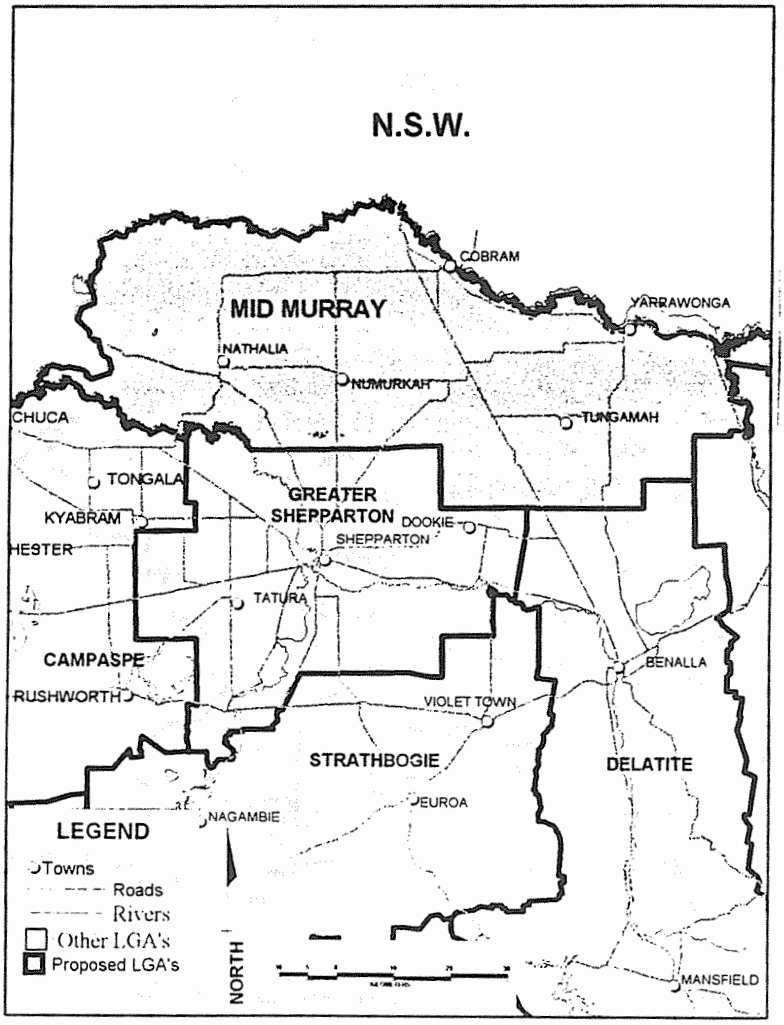


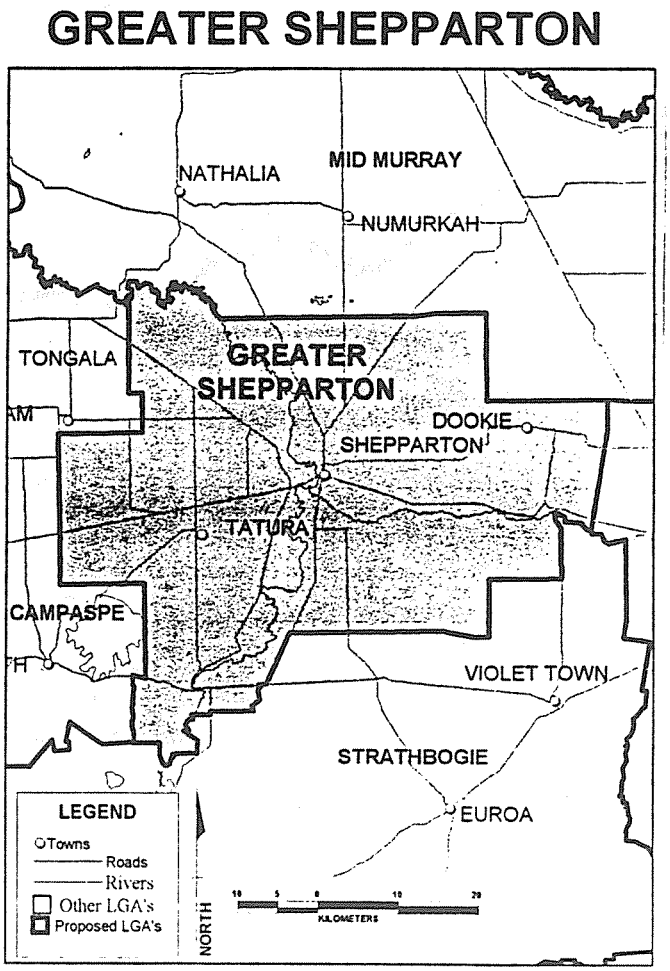
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 25,450, and its rate revenue will be around $7.89 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 3,950 sq Km.

Proposal 11. City of Greater Shepparton

In its interim report the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Deakin's Kyabram hinterland district, the Shire of Euroa's Arcadia and Karromomus districts, the Shire of Goulburn's Murchison East district, the Town of Kyabram, the City of Shepparton, the Shire of Shepparton, the Shire of Rodney, the Shire of Tungamah's Katandra and Yabba districts, the Shire of Violet Town's Caniambo and Tamleugh districts and the Shire of Waranga's Murchison district, to be known as the City of Greater Shepparton.

Having considered further submissions and representations, the Board has confirmed its original recommendation subject to the following amendments:

- realign the western boundary to exclude the Town of Kyabram and the Shire of Rodney's Kyabram hinterland
- minor realignment of the south western boundary to exclude a small portion of Lake Waranga (Rodney)
- realign the southern boundary to include the Parish of Murchison and part of the Parish of Noorilim (Waranga)
- realign the north east boundary to exclude the Yabba district (Tungamah).



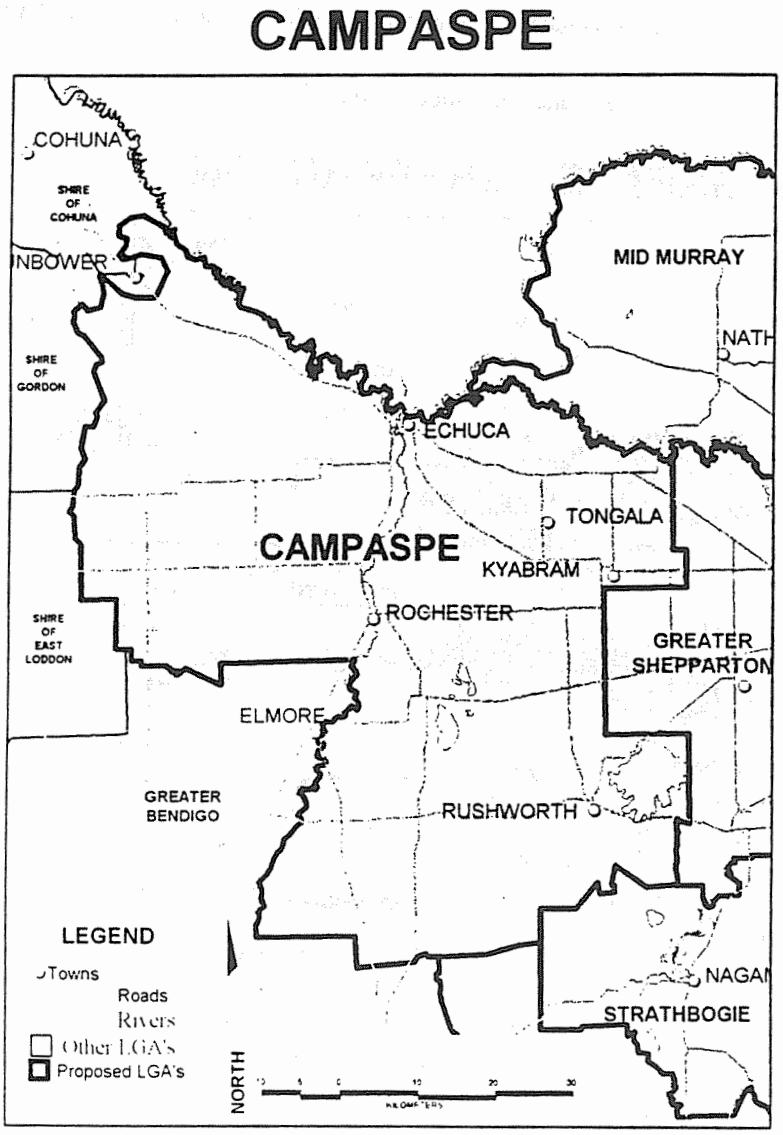
The population of the new municipality will be approximately 55,250, and its rate revenue will be around $18.13 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 2,427 sq Km.

Proposal 12. Municipality of Campaspe

In its interim report the Board recommended a new municipality be created comprising the Shire of Deakin less the Kyabram hinterland district, the City of Echuca, the Shire of Rochester the Shire of Waranga less the Murchison district, to be known as the Municipality of Campaspe.

Having considered further submissions and representations, the Board confirms its original recommendation subject to the following amendments:

- realign the eastern boundary to include the Town of Kyabram and its hinterland in the Shire of Rodney
- realign the eastern boundary to include the remainder of the Lake Waranga (Rodney)
- realign the eastern boundary to exclude the Parish of Murchison and part of the Parish of Noorilim (Waranga)
- realign the north western boundary to exclude the portion of Gunbower in the Shire of Rochester.



The population of the new municipality will be approximately 33,210, and its rate revenue will be around $10.97 million based on current rating levels. It will cover an area of 4,470 sq Km.

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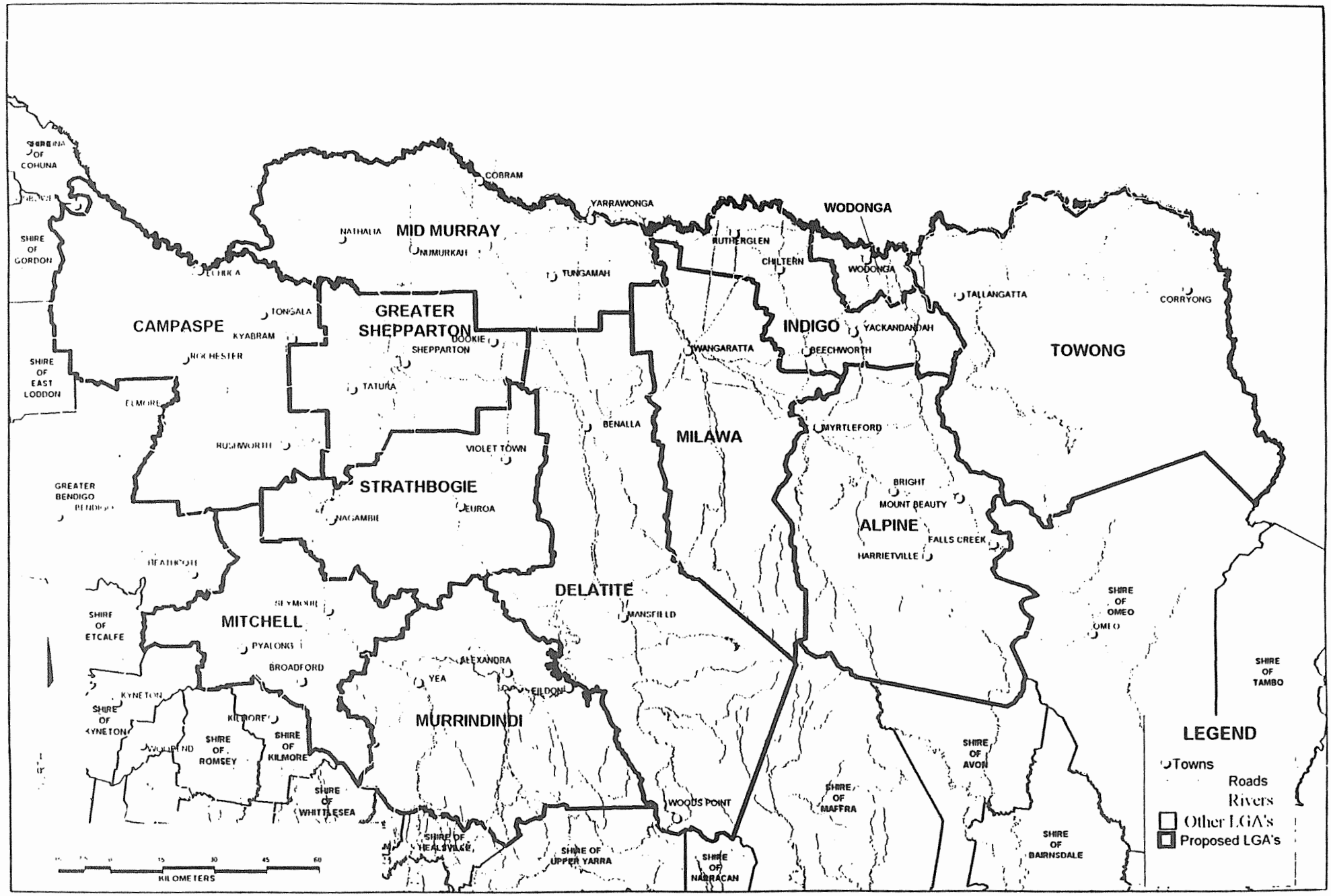

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6. Final recommendations

The Board recommends:

Proposal 1. Municipality of Towong

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Shire of Tallangatta and the Shire of Upper Murray.

Proposal 2. Municipality of Indigo

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the United Shire of Beechworth excluding the Murmungee, Mudgegonga and Mt Stanley districts, the Shire of Chiltern excluding the Barnawartha North district, the Shire of Rutherglen and the Shire of Yackandandah excluding the Baranduda and Dederang districts.

Proposal 3. Municipality of Wodonga

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Barnawartha North district of the Shire of Chiltern, Rural City of Wodonga and the Baranduda district of the Shire of Yackandandah.

Proposal 4. Municipality of Milawa

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Murmungee district of the United Shire of Beechworth, the Glenrowan district of the Shire of Benalla, the Shire of Oxley excluding the Buffalo River valley, Merriang and Gapsted districts, City of Wangaratta, Shire of Wangaratta and the Peechelba district of the Shire of Yarrawonga.

Proposal 5. Alpine Shire Council

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Mudgegonga and Mt Stanley districts of the United Shire of Beechworth, the Shire of Bright, the Shire of Myrtleford, the Dinner Plain district of the Shire of Omeo, the Buffalo River valley, Merriang and Gapsted districts of the Shire of Oxley and the Dederang district of the Shire of Yackandandah.

Proposal 6. Municipality of Delatite

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the City of Benalla, the Shire of Benalla excluding the Glenrowan district, the Shire of Mansfield and the Warrenbayne district of the Shire of Violet Town.

Proposal 7. Municipality of Strathbogie

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Shire of Euroa excluding the Arcadia, Karromomus and Terip Terip districts, the Shire of Goulburn excluding the Murchison East district, the Rural City of Seymour's Avenel district and the Shire of Violet Town excluding the Caniambo, Tamleugh and Warrenbayne districts.

Proposal 8. Municipality of Murrindindi

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Shire of Alexandra, King Parrot Creek and Strath Creek districts of the Shire of Broadford, the Kinglake district of the Shire of Eltham , the Terip Terip district of the Shire of Euroa, the Toolangi and Castella districts of the Shire of Healesville , the Kinglake West district of the City of Whittlesea and the Shire of Yea.

Proposal 9. Municipality of Mitchell

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Shire of Broadford excluding the King Parrot Creek and Strath Creek districts, the Shire of McIvor excluding the Heathcote and Lake Eppalock hinterland districts, the Shire of Pyalong and the Rural City of Seymour excluding the Avenel district.

Proposal 10. Municipality of Mid Murray

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Shire of Cobram, the Shire of Nathalia, the Shire of Numurkah, the Shire of Tungamah excluding the Katandra district and the Shire of Yarrawonga excluding the Peechelba district.

Proposal 11. City of Greater Shepparton

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Arcadia and Karramomus districts of the Shire of Euroa, the Murchison East district of the Shire of Goulburn, the City of Shepparton, the Shire of Shepparton, the Shire of Rodney excluding the Kyabram's hinterland and Lake Waranga, the Katandra district of the Shire of Tungamah, the Shire of Violet Town's Caniambo and Tamleugh districts and the Shire of Waranga's Murchison district.

Proposal 12. Municipality of Campaspe

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the Shire of Deakin, the City of Echuca, the Town of Kyabram, the Shire of Rochester excluding Gunbower, the Kyabram hinterland and part of Lake Waranga presently in the Shire of Rodney and the Shire of Waranga excluding the Murchison district.

Proposal 13. City of Greater Bendigo

That a new municipality be constituted comprising the City of Greater Bendigo and the Heathcote and Lake Eppalock hinterland districts of the Shire of McIvor.

7. Reference

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD

Review of the structure of local government in the North-East of Victoria

I, ROGER MURRAY HALLAM, Minister for Local Government, acting under section 220F of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) require the Local Government Board to conduct a review in relation to local government restructuring with the following terms of reference:

To review and report, in accordance with the Act, on the most appropriate local government structure for the area comprising the municipal districts of the following councils -

Shire of Alexandra, United Shire of Beechworth, City of Benalla, Shire of Benalla, Shire of Bright, Shire of Broadford, Shire of Chiltern, Shire of Cobram, Shire of Deakin, City of Echuca, Shire of Euroa, Shire of Goulburn, Town of Kyabram, Shire of Mansfield, Shire of McIvor, Shire of Myrtleford, Shire of Nathalia, Shire of Numurkah, Shire of Oxley, Shire of Pyalong, Shire of Rochester, Shire of Rodney, Shire of Rutherglen, Rural City of Seymour, City of Shepparton, Shire of Shepparton, Shire of Tallangatta, Shire of Tungamah, Shire of Upper Murray, Shire of Violet Town, City of Wangaratta, Shire of Wangaratta, Shire of Waranga, Rural City of Wodonga, Shire of Yackandandah, Shire of Yarrawonga, Shire of Yea

The Government's policy on boundary change is that a restructuring proposal should provide the potential to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of local government. These objectives should be paramount in the Board's considerations.

In addition, the Board should take special account of matters relevant to the relationship between rural and urban areas, including rating issues.

As provided in section 220I of the Act, the Board may have regard to all or any of the following considerations in conducting a review:

(a) sociological, demographic, topographic, economic and employment patterns and factors in the area covered by the review;

(b) community or diversity of interest in the area covered by the review, including community identity, expectations and involvement;

(c) the impact of any proposals being considered by the Board on the accessibility to and the effective and efficient delivery of local government services in the area covered by the review;

(d) the financial impact of any proposal being considered by the Board on the area covered by the review; and

(e) any other matters that the Board considers to be relevant.

ROGER M HALLAM, MLC
Minister for Local Government
Date: 3 June 1994

8. Technical Descriptions

Towong

Commencing on the state boundary at the junction of the former course of the Mitta Mitta River with the Murray River; thence south-easterly by the former course of the Mitta Mitta River through Lake Hume to a point in line with the eastern boundary of the Bungonia Pre-emptive Right, Parish of Beethang; thence southerly by a line and the eastern boundary of that pre-emptive right to the northern boundary of the Parish of Tangambalanga; thence easterly, southerly and again easterly by the northern boundary of that parish to the north-western angle of allotment 24, section 12, Parish of Tangambalanga; thence south-easterly by the road forming the south-western boundary of that allotment and the southern boundary of allotment 8 to Bryants Gap Road; thence southerly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 23; thence easterly by the southern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 27A to its south-eastern angle; thence south-easterly by a road to the southern angle of allotment 21, section 13, being a point on the western boundary of the Parish of Bolga; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that parish to the summit of the range forming the watershed between the Mitta Mitta River and Sandy Creek; thence southerly by that range and south-easterly by the range forming the watershed between the Mitta Mitta River and the Kiewa River to Mt. Bogong; thence south-easterly by a range to Mt.Wills; thence north-easterly by a range to Mt. Cooper; thence north-easterly by a direct line to Mt Gibbo; thence south-easterly by a direct line towards Forest Hill to the Murray River being a point on the state boundary, and thence generally northerly and westerly by the state boundary to the point of commencement.

Indigo

Commencing at the junction of the Ovens River with the Murray River; thence generally easterly by the Murray River to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 13, section 29, Parish of Barnawartha North; thence westerly by a line and that boundary to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 16; thence south-westerly by that road to Mildren Road; thence southerly by that road, Lady Franklin Road and Oates Gap Road to Cookinburra Road; thence easterly by that road to the western boundary of the Parish of Belvoir West; thence generally southerly by that boundary to the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 5, section 11, Parish of Belvoir West; thence south-easterly by that road and the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 6 to the road forming the south-eastern boundary of allotment 4, section 10; thence south-westerly by that road to the north-western boundary of allotment 1, section N2, Parish of Woorragee North; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 4B; thence southerly by that boundary to the road forming its south-western boundary; thence south-easterly by that road and further south-easterly by the road forming the western boundaries of allotments 15, 14A and 14 to the most western angle of allotment 22; thence easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment to the most northern angle of allotment 22A; thence south-easterly by the road forming the south-western boundaries of that allotment and allotment 21A to the southern boundary of the latter allotment; thence easterly by that boundary and the southern boundary of allotment 20 to the western boundary of allotment 11A, section C; thence southerly by that boundary and southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 11 to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 5; thence south-easterly by that road to the Beechworth-Wodonga Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the Indigo Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to the southern boundary of the Parish of Baranduda; thence easterly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 3, section 29, Parish of Baranduda; thence northerly by that boundary to the Baranduda Range; thence north-easterly by that range to Ridge Lane; thence easterly by that lane to the Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, and thence southerly by that road to Lindsay Road; thence south-easterly and north-easterly by that road to the Kiewa Valley Highway; thence north-easterly by Barton Lane and a line in continuation to the Kiewa River; thence northerly by that river to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 3B, section 12, Parish of Beethang; thence easterly by a line and the northern boundary of that allotment to the eastern boundary of allotment 14C, section 13; thence northerly by that boundary and the eastern boundary of allotment 22 to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 4, section 12; thence easterly by a line and the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 5A, and easterly, northerly and south-easterly by the northern boundary of allotment 5 to the eastern boundary of allotment 12, section 13; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 3, section 2A; thence easterly by that boundary to the road forming its eastern boundary; thence northerly by that road and the western boundary of allotment 2, section 2 to the northern boundary of that allotment; thence easterly by that boundary and the northern boundaries of allotments 3 and 4 and further easterly by a line in continuation to the former course of the Mitta Mitta River; thence south-easterly by the former course of the Mitta Mitta River through Lake Hume to a point in line with the eastern boundary of the Bungonia Pre-emptive Right, Parish of Beethang; thence southerly by a line and the eastern boundary of that pre-emptive right to the northern boundary of the Parish of Tangambalanga; thence easterly, southerly and again easterly by the northern boundary of that parish to the north-western angle of allotment 24, section 12, Parish of Tangambalanga; thence south-easterly by the road forming the south-western boundary of that allotment and the southern boundary of allotment 8 to Bryants Gap Road; thence southerly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 23; thence easterly by the southern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 27A to its south-eastern angle; thence south-easterly by a road to the southern angle of allotment 21, section 13, being a point on the western boundary of the Parish of Bolga; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that parish to the summit of the range forming the watershed between the Mitta

Mitta River and Sandy Creek; thence south-easterly and southerly by that range to Schubert Lane; thence south-westerly by that lane to Sandy Creek Road; thence northerly by that road to Egan Lane; thence south-westerly by that lane to Gundowring Road; thence southerly by that road to Boyd Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the Kiewa river; thence northerly by that river to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 3, section 7, Parish of Kergunyah; thence westerly by a line, the northern boundary of allotment 3, Besley Lane and the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 7, section A to the south-western angle of that allotment; thence south-westerly by a direct line to Mt.Big Ben; thence westerly by a direct line to the south-eastern angle of allotment 19, section 4, Parish of Bruarong; thence westerly by the southern boundary of that allotment to Gray Lane; thence westerly by that lane to Dederang Road; thence northerly by that road to the Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road; thence south-westerly by that road to a point in line with the southern boundary of allotment 4, section 2; thence westerly by a line and that boundary and the southern boundaries of allotments 4A, 4, 2 and 2A and a line in continuation to Escarpment Road; thence south-westerly by that road and Mt.Stanley Road to Mt.Stanley; thence south-westerly by a direct line to the Junction of Basin Creek Road with Flagstaff Road; thence northerly by a direct line to the north-eastern angle of the Parish of Murmungee; thence westerly by the northern boundary of that parish to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Everton; thence northerly by that boundary to Woolshed Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Byawatha; thence northerly by the eastern boundary and westerly by the northern boundary of that parish to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 18, section 3, Parish of Barambogie; thence north-easterly by a road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 13; thence north-easterly by that road to the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence north-westerly by that boundary to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 14; thence northerly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 11, section 1; thence easterly by that road and northerly by the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of the parish; thence generally westerly by that boundary to the Hume Freeway; thence south-westerly by that freeway to the road forming the western boundary of allotment L, Parish of Chiltern West; thence northerly by that road to the north-western angle of that allotment; thence north-westerly by a line to the most eastern angle of allotment E; thence south-westerly by a road to the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment; thence westerly by that road and Boundary Road to West Boundary Road; thence northerly by that road to the northern boundary of allotment 9, Parish of Boorhaman; thence westerly by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotments 9A, 8E and 8A to Swamp Road; thence northerly by that road to the Murray Valley Highway; thence westerly by that highway to the Ovens River, and thence north-westerly by that river to the point of commencement.

Wodonga

Commencing on the Yackandandah-Wodonga Road at Lindsay Road; thence south-easterly and north-easterly by Lindsay Road to the Kiewa Valley highway; thence north-easterly by Barton Lane and a line in continuation to the Kiewa River; thence northerly by that river to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 3B, section 12, Parish of Beethang; thence easterly by a line and the northern boundary of that allotment to the eastern boundary of allotment 14C, section 13; thence northerly by that boundary and the eastern boundary of allotment 22 to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 4, section 12; thence easterly by a line and the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 5A, and easterly, northerly and south-easterly by the northern boundary of allotment 5 to the eastern boundary of allotment 12, section 13; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 3, section 2A; thence easterly by that boundary to the road forming its eastern boundary; thence northerly by that road and the western boundary of allotment 2, section 2 to the northern boundary of that allotment; thence easterly by that boundary and the northern boundaries of allotments 3 and 4 and further easterly by a line in continuation to the former course of the Mitta Mitta River; thence northerly by that former course through Lake Hume to the Murray River; thence north-westerly by that river to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 13, section 29, Parish of Barnawartha North; thence westerly by a line and that boundary to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 16; thence south-westerly by that road to Mildren Road; thence southerly by that road, Lady Franklin Road and Oates Gap Road to Cookinburra Road; thence easterly by that road to the western boundary of the Parish of Belvoir West; thence generally southerly by that boundary to the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 5, section 11, Parish of Belvoir West; thence south-easterly by that road and the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 6 to the road forming the south-eastern boundary of allotment 4, section 10; thence south-westerly by that road to the north-western boundary of allotment 1, section N2, Parish of Woorragee North; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 4B; thence southerly by that boundary to the road forming its south-western boundary; thence south-easterly by that road and further south-easterly by the road forming the western boundaries of allotments 15, 14A and 14 to the most western angle of allotment 22; thence easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment to the most northern angle of allotment 22A; thence south-easterly by the road forming the south-western boundaries of that allotment and allotment 21A to the southern boundary of the latter allotment; thence easterly by that boundary and the southern boundary of allotment 20 to the western boundary of allotment 11A, section C; thence southerly by that boundary and southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 11 to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 5; thence south-easterly by that road to the Beechworth-Wodonga Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the Indigo Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to the southern boundary of the Parish of Baranduda; thence easterly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 3, section 29, Parish of Baranduda; thence northerly by that boundary to the the Baranduda Range; thence north-easterly by that range to Ridge Lane; thence easterly by that lane to the Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, and thence southerly by that road to the point of commencement.

Milawa

Commencing on the Ovens River at the Murray Valley Highway; thence southerly by the Ovens River to the eastern boundary of the Township of Peechelba; thence northerly by that boundary and westerly and southerly by the northern and western boundary of that township to the Tungamah-Peechelba Road; thence westerly by that road to Forest Road near Bakers Road; thence southerly by Forest Road and the eastern boundary of the Parish of Boweya and further southerly and south-easterly by the Glenrowan-Bowyea Road to the western angle of the Township of Glenrowen; thence south-easterly by the south-western boundary of that township to the Old Hume Highway; thence south-westerly by the old Hume Highway to Chivers Road; thence south-easterly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 86A, Parish of Glenrowen; thence southerly by that road to the northern boundary of the Parish of Lurg; thence westerly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 69, Parish of Lurg; thence southerly by that boundary and the eastern boundary of allotment 69A and south-westerly by the south-eastern boundary of the latter allotment to Kellys Gap Road; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 63 to the western boundary of allotment 62; thence southerly by that boundary to Croxsford Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of allotment 39; thence southerly by that boundary and the western boundary of allotment 40B and easterly by the southern boundary of the latter allotment and allotment 40 to the eastern boundary of the parish; thence southerly by that boundary to the Upper Lurg Road; thence south-easterly by that road to Kilfeera Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of the Parish of Myrrhee; thence southerly by that boundary to the south-western angle of allotment 31C; thence south-easterly by a direct line to the north-eastern angle of allotment 108C; thence southerly by the eastern boundary of that allotment and the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 108 to the southern boundary of the parish; thence easterly by that boundary to Middle Creek; thence southerly by that creek to the road at the north-eastern angle of allotment 27, Parish of Toombullup; thence south-easterly by that road to Healys Road; thence generally southerly by that road, Old Tolmie Road and the road forming the western boundary of allotment 31 to the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment; thence easterly by that road to the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 62; thence south-easterly by that road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 63B; thence southerly by that road to the Mansfield-Whitfield Road; thence westerly by that road to Holland Creek; thence southerly by that creek to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 12B, section A, Parish of Dueran East; thence westerly by a line and the northern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the western boundary thereof; thence southerly by that road and the road forming the western boundary of allotment 11A to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 9; thence south-easterly by that road and the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 24B, section B to Cambatong Road; thence generally south-easterly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 8, section C; thence easterly by that boundary and a line in continuation to the King River West Branch; thence south-easterly by a direct line to the Great Dividing Range at the eastern source of the King River near Mt.Howitt; thence generally north-easterly by that range to Mt.Despair; thence northerly by a direct line to the junction of the Cobbler Lake Track with the Dandongadale-Buffalo Divide Track; thence generally northerly by that track and the watershed between the Buffalo River and the Dandongadale River to the junction of the Dandongadale River with the Rose River; thence north-westerly by a direct line to Mt.Emu; thence north-easterly by a direct line to the junction of the Bread and Butter Gap Road with the Lake Buffalo-Carboor Road; thence generally northerly by the Bread and Butter Gap Road to a point due south of the junction of Chamber Track and Ridge Track; thence northerly by a line and Chamber Track to Track 1; thence north-westerly by that track to the southern boundary of allotment 110, Parish of Whorouly; thence north-westerly by that boundary and northerly by the western boundary of that allotment to the Merriang Gap Road; thence northerly by the western boundary of allotment 109 and generally north-easterly by the north-western boundary of that allotment to the south-western angle of allotment 109D; thence north-easterly by that boundary and a line in continuation to the

Ovens River; thence north-westerly by that river to a point in line with the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 9A, section N, Parish of Murmungee; thence north-easterly by that line and that road to the north-eastern angle of allotment 9; thence north-easterly by a line to the south-western angle of allotment 4, section L; thence northerly by the western boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of allotment 6; thence westerly by that boundary to the western boundary of allotment 3; thence northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 9; thence northerly by that boundary and a line in continuation to the former Everton-Bright Railway; thence north-easterly by that former railway to the Ovens Highway; thence northerly by that highway to Flagstaff Road; thence generally north-easterly by that road to Basin Creek Road; thence northerly by a direct line to the north-eastern angle of the Parish of Murmungee; thence westerly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Everton; thence northerly by that boundary to Woolshed Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Byawatha; thence northerly by the eastern boundary and westerly by the northern boundary of that parish to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 18, section 3, Parish of Barambogie; thence north-easterly by a road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 13; thence north-easterly by that road to the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence north-westerly by that boundary to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 14; thence northerly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 11, section 1; thence easterly by that road and northerly by the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of the parish; thence generally westerly by that boundary to the Hume Freeway; thence south-westerly by that freeway to the road forming the western boundary of allotment L, Parish of Chiltern West; thence northerly by that road to the north-western angle of that allotment; thence north-westerly by a line to the most eastern angle of allotment E; thence south-westerly by a road to the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment; thence westerly by that road and Boundary Road to West Boundary Road; thence northerly by that road to the northern boundary of allotment 9, Parish of Boorhaman; thence westerly by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotments 9A, 8E and 8A to Swamp Road; thence northerly by that road to the Murray Valley Highway, and thence westerly by that highway to the point of commencement.

Alpine

Commencing at the junction of Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road with Dederang Road; thence southerly by Dederang Road to Gray Lane; thence easterly by that lane and the southern boundary of allotment 19, section 4, Parish of Bruarong to its south-eastern angle; thence easterly by a direct line to Mt.Big Ben; thence north-easterly by a direct line to the south-western angle of allotment 7, section A, Parish of Kergunyah; thence easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment and Besley Lane to the north-western angle of allotment 3, section 7; thence easterly by the northern boundary of that allotment and line in continuation to the Kiewa River; thence southerly by that river to Boyd Road; thence north-easterly by that road to Gundowring Road; thence northerly by that road to Egan Lane; thence north-easterly by that lane to Sandy Creek Road; thence southerly by that road to Schubert Lane; thence north-easterly by that lane to the summit of the range forming the watershed between the Mitta Mitta River and Sandy Creek; thence southerly by that range and south-easterly by the range forming the watershed between the Mitta Mitta River and the Kiewa River to Mt. Bogong; thence generally southerly by the range forming the watershed between the Kiewa River and the Big River to Mt. Cope; thence southerly by the eastern boundaries of the Parishes of Darbalang and Hotham to Cobungra Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Theddora; thence southerly by that boundary to the Victoria River; thence westerly by that river to Spring Creek; thence south-westerly by that creek to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 19, section 1, Parish of Bingo-Munjie South; thence westerly by a line, the northern boundary of that allotment and further westerly by a line in continuation to the Great Dividing Range; thence south-easterly by that range to the south-eastern angle of the Parish of Bulgaback; thence south-westerly by a direct line to Mt. Birregun; thence due west (magnetic) by a direct line to the Wonnangatta River; thence generally north-westerly by that river to it's source on the Great Dividing Range; thence generally north-easterly by that range to Mt.Despair; thence northerly by a direct line to the junction of the Cobbler Lake Track with the Dandongadale-Buffalo Divide Track; thence generally northerly by that track and the watershed between the Buffalo River and the Dandongadale River to the junction of the Dandongadale River with the Rose River; thence north-westerly by a direct line to Mt.Emu; thence north-easterly by a direct line to the junction of the Bread and Butter Gap Road with the Lake Buffalo-Carboor Road; thence generally northerly by the Bread and Butter Gap Road to a point due south of the junction of Chamber Track and Ridge Track; thence northerly by a line and Chamber Track to Track 1; thence north-westerly by that track to the southern boundary of allotment 110, Parish of Whorouly; thence north-westerly by that boundary and northerly by the western boundary of that allotment to the Merriang Gap Road; thence northerly by the western boundary of allotment 109 and generally north-easterly by the north-western boundary of that allotment to the south-western angle of allotment 109D; thence north-easterly by that boundary and a line in continuation to the Ovens River; thence north-westerly by that river to a point in line with the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 9A, section N, Parish of Murmungee; thence north-easterly by that line and that road to the north-eastern angle of allotment 9; thence north-easterly by a line to the south-western angle of allotment 4, section L; thence northerly by the western boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of allotment 6; thence westerly by that boundary to the western boundary of allotment 3; thence northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 9; thence northerly by that boundary and a line in continuation to the former Everton-Bright Railway; thence north-easterly by that former railway to the Ovens Highway; thence northerly by that highway to Flagstaff Road; thence generally north-easterly by that road to Basin Creek Road; thence north-easterly by a direct line to Mt.Stanley; thence north-easterly by Mt.Stanley Road and Escarpment Road to a point in line with the southern boundary of allotment 2A, section 2, Parish of Bruarong; thence easterly by a line to the south-western angle of that allotment; thence easterly by the southern boundaries of that allotment and allotments 2, 4, 4A, again 4 and a line in continuation to the Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road, and thence north-easterly by that road to the point of commencement.

Delatite

Commencing on the Benalla-Tocumwal Road at Lidgerwood Road; thence easterly by that road and further easterly by the southern boundary of the Parish of Karrabumet to Miller Road; thence northerly by that road to Big Hill Road; thence north-easterly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 28 Parish of Boweya; thence easterly by that road to the eastern boundary of that parish; thence southerly and south-easterly by the Glenrowan-Bowyea Road to the western angle of the Township of Glenrowen; thence south-easterly by the south-western boundary of that township to the Old Hume Highway; thence south-westerly by the Old Hume Highway to Chivers Road; thence south-easterly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 86A, Parish of Glenrowen; thence southerly by that road to the northern boundary of the Parish of Lurg; thence westerly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 69, Parish of Lurg; thence southerly by that boundary and the eastern boundary of allotment 69A and south-westerly by the south-eastern boundary of the latter allotment to Kellys Gap Road; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 63 to the western boundary of allotment 62; thence southerly by that boundary to Croxsford Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of allotment 39; thence southerly by that boundary and the western boundary of allotment 40B and easterly by the southern boundary of the latter allotment and allotment 40 to the eastern boundary of the parish; thence southerly by that boundary to the Upper Lurg Road; thence south-easterly by that road to Kilfeera Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of the Parish of Myrrhee; thence southerly by that boundary to the south-western angle of allotment 31C; thence south-easterly by a direct line to the north-eastern angle of allotment 108C; thence southerly by the eastern boundary of that allotment and the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 108 to the southern boundary of the parish; thence easterly by that boundary to Middle Creek; thence southerly by that creek to the road at the north-eastern angle of allotment 27, Parish of Toombullup; thence south-easterly by that road to Healys Road; thence generally southerly by that road, Old Tolmie Road and the road forming the western boundary of allotment 31 to the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment; thence easterly by that road to the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 62; thence south-easterly by that road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 63B; thence southerly by that road to the Mansfield-Whitfield Road; thence westerly by that road to Holland Creek; thence southerly by that creek to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 12B, section A, Parish of Dueran East; thence westerly by a line and the northern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the western boundary thereof; thence southerly by that road and the road forming the western boundary of allotment 11A to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 9; thence south-easterly by that road and the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 24B, section B to Cambatong Road; thence generally south-easterly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 8, section C; thence easterly by that boundary and a line in continuation to the King River West Branch; thence south-easterly by a direct line to the Great Dividing Range at the eastern source of the King River near Mt.Howitt; thence southerly by the Great Diving Range to Mt.Howitt; thence south-westerly by a direct line to Mt.Selma; thence generally north-westerly along the Great Dividing Range to Mt.Matlock; thence north-westerly by the range forming the watershed between the Goulburn River and the Big River to the Big River at Enoch Point; thence northerly by that river to the Big River Arm of Lake Eildon; thence generally north-westerly by the south-western shore of that arm to its mouth; thence northerly by a line to a point 200 metres from the western shore of Lake Eildon; thence westerly and generally north-westerly by a line parallel to and 200 metres from the western shore to a point in line with the southern boundary of allotment 81; Parish of Wappan; thence westerly by a line and that boundary to the western shore of Lake Eildon; thence north-westerly by that shore to the southern boundary of allotment 73, Parish of Wappan; thence westerly by that boundary and the northern boundary of the Fraser National Park to the northern boundary of allotment 53, section A, Parish of Maintongoon; thence north-westerly and south-westerly by that road to the most eastern angle of allotment

53B; thence westerly by the road forming the northern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 33D; thence north-westerly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 2, section D; thence northerly by that road to the eastern angle of allotment 48C, Parish of Brankeet; thence westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 67F, Parish of Merton; thence northerly by that boundary and north-westerly by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotments 67E and 68E to the southern boundary of allotment 69A; thence easterly by that boundary and north-westerly by the north-eastern boundary of that allotment to the eastern boundary of allotment 70A; thence north-easterly by that boundary and north-easterly and north-westerly by the eastern and north-eastern boundaries of allotment 70 to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 76A; thence northerly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 84A; thence westerly by that boundary to the Maroondah Highway; thence southerly by that highway to the northern boundary of allotment 83; thence westerly by that boundary and northerly and westerly by the eastern and northern boundaries of allotment 82 to the western boundary of allotment 84; thence northerly by that boundary and the road forming the eastern boundaries of allotments 86 and 6 to the northern boundary of the latter allotment; thence westerly by that boundary to the western boundary of the parish; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 5, section C, Parish of Carratanbunell; thence westerly by that boundary to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 5A; thence north-westerly by that road to the north-eastern angle of allotment 6, being the junction of the Puzzle Range and the Strathbogie Range; thence north-easterly by the road forming the south-eastern boundaries of allotments 11 and 10A, section B to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 16, section D, Parish of Wondoomarook; thence generally easterly by that road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 16, section C; thence southerly by that road to the southern boundary of that allotment; thence easterly by that boundary and northerly by the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of allotment 23B, section D, Parish of Borodomanin; thence easterly by that boundary and the northern boundary of allotment 23A and southerly by the eastern boundary of the latter allotment to the southern boundary of allotment 19; thence easterly by that boundary and southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 20D and further easterly by the southern boundary of allotment 28 to the south eastern angle thereof; thence north-easterly by a direct line to the south-eastern angle of allotment 22; thence northerly by the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment to the eastern boundary of allotment 2, section C, Parish of Too-Rour; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 1; thence easterly and northerly by the southern and eastern boundaries of that allotment and further northerly and westerly by the the eastern and northern boundaries of allotment 1A to the eastern boundary of allotment 2; thence northerly by that boundary and westerly by the northern boundary of that allotment to Bonnie Doon Road; thence northerly and north-westerly by that road to Chapmans Road; thence northerly by that road to Desaillys Lane, being a point on the western boundary of the land vested in the Victorian Plantations Corporation; thence generally northerly by that boundary to Kays Track; thence generally northerly by that track to the southern boundary of allotment 81B, Parish of Warrenbayne; thence northerly by the road forming the western boundaries of allotments 81B, 81A and 80C to the road forming the northern boundary of the latter allotment; thence easterly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 79; thence northerly by that road and McEwan Lane to McPherson Road; thence westerly by that road to Depot Road; thence northerly by that road, the road forming the western boundary of the Township of Baddaginnie and the Baddaginnie-Goomalibee Road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 47B; thence westerly by that road to the western boundary of the parish; thence northerly by that boundary and the western boundary of the Parish of Goomalibee to the Broken River; thence westerly by that river to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Currawa; thence northerly by that boundary and Benalla Boundary Road to Roberts Road, and thence easterly by that road to the Benalla-Tocumwal Road being the point of commencement.

Strathbogie

Commencing on the Broken River at the Dookie-Violet Town Road; thence south-easterly by that river to the western boundary of the Parish of Goomalibee; thence southerly
by that boundary and the western boundary of the Parish of Warrenbayne to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 50B, Parish of Warrenbayne; thence easterly by that road to the Baddaginnie-Goomalibee Road; thence southerly by that road, the road forming the western boundary of the Township of Baddaginnie and Depot Road to McPherson Road; thence easterly by that road to McEwan Lane; thence southerly by that lane and a road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 80C, Parish of Warrenbayne; thence westerly by that road to the road forming the western boundary of that allotment; thence southerly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 81B; thence generally southerly by Kays Track to the boundary of the land vested in the Victorian Plantations Corporation; thence generally south-westerly and south-easterly by that boundary to Chapmans Road; thence southerly by that road to Bonnie Doon Road; thence south-easterly and southerly by that road to the northern boundary of allotment 2, Parish of Too-Rour; thence easterly and southerly by the northern and eastern boundaries of that allotment to the northern boundary of allotment 1A; thence easterly and southerly by the northern and eastern boundaries of that allotment and further southerly and westerly by the eastern and southern boundaries of allotment 1 to the eastern boundary of allotment 2; thence southerly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 22, section D, Parish of Borodomanin; thence southerly by that boundary to its south-eastern angle; thence south-westerly by a direct line to the south-eastern angle of allotment 28; thence westerly by the southern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 20D and northerly by the western boundary of the latter allotment to the southern boundary of allotment 19; thence westerly and northerly by the southern and western boundaries of that allotment to the northern boundary of allotment 23A; thence westerly by that boundary and the northern boundary of allotment 23B to the western boundary of that parish; thence southerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 16, section C, Parish of Wondoomarook; thence westerly and northerly by the southern and western boundaries of that allotment to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 13A, section D; thence westerly by that road to the road forming the south-eastern boundary of allotment 10A, section B, Parish of Carratanbunell being a point on the northern boundary of the County of Anglesey; thence south-westerly by that county boundary to Sinclairs Lane; thence westerly by that lane to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 12, section B, Parish of Ruffy; thence southerly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 13, thence westerly by that road to the Emu Waterholes Creek; thence southerly and westerly by that creek to Hughes Creek; thence generally westerly and north-westerly by that creek to the Hume Freeway; thence south-westerly by that freeway to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 45A, Parish of Mangalore; thence westerly by that road, the road forming the northern boundaries of allotments 42A, 42, and 41C, and a line to Mangalore road; thence westerly by that road to the Goulburn River; thence generally northerly by that river to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 30G, Parish of Mitchell; thence westerly by that road to Northwood Road; thence north-westerly and northerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 35; thence westerly by that road, the northern boundary of allotment 35C, and a line to the south-eastern angle of allotment 12A; thence north-westerly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 24D, section A; thence north-westerly by that road to Mitchellstown-Graytown Road; thence north-westerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 16, Parish of Moormbool East; thence westerly by that road, the northern boundaries of Compton's Creek pre-emptive right and allotment 2 to Graytown Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of the parish; thence northerly by that boundary and the western boundary of the Parish of Wirrate to the southern boundary of the Parish of Whroo; thence easterly by that boundary to the road forming the north-western boundary of allotment 50, section A, Parish of Whroo being the south-eastern boundary of the Reserved Forest; thence generally north-easterly, south-easterly and

easterly by the southern boundary of that Reserved Forest to Buffalo Swamp Road; thence easterly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 11A, Parish of Murchison; thence southerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 13; thence easterly by that road to the road forming the south-eastern boundary of the parish; thence south-westerly by that road to the road forming the south-western boundary of allotment 1240A, Parish of Noorilim; thence south-easterly by that road to the Goulburn River; thence north-easterly by the Goulburn River to a point in line with the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 107, Parish of Dargalong; thence easterly by a line and that road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 106; thence northerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 109; thence easterly by that road, Douglas Road and Burkes Road to the Pranjip Creek; thence northerly by that creek to the Goulburn Valley Highway; thence easterly and north-easterly by that highway to Arcadia Road; thence easterly by that road, the Arcadia-Tamleugh Road and Clancy Street and further easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 79, Parish of Tamleugh to the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence northerly by that road and a line in continuation to Honeysuckle Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 32; thence easterly by that road and Fishers Lane to Bridge Road; thence northerly by that road to Camerons Road; thence easterly by that road, a road in continuation and further easterly by Croxfords Road to the Dookie-Violet Town Road, and thence northerly by that road to the point of commencement.

Murrindindi

Commencing at the junction of the Whittlesea-Kinglake Road with the Whittlesea-Yea Road; thence easterly by the Whittlesea-Kinglake Road to the western boundary of allotment 13C, Parish of Kinglake; thence southerly by that boundary to the northern boundary of that portion of the Kinglake National Park south of the Whittlesea-Kinglake Road; thence generally easterly by the northern boundary of that park to the south-western angle of allotment 33; thence easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 33D; thence southerly by that boundary and easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the southern boundary of allotment 33A; thence easterly by that boundary and the southern boundary of allotment 68B to the western boundary of allotment 66A; thence southerly by that boundary and easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 39; thence southerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of that allotment, being a point on the boundary of the Kinglake National Park; thence generally easterly by that boundary to the north-eastern angle of allotment 40A; thence easterly by a direct line to the south-western angle of allotment 4B, section B; thence generally easterly by the boundary of the Kinglake National Park to the Healesville-Kinglake Road; thence north-easterly by that road to the Melba Highway; thence generally south-easterly by the northern boundary of the portion of Reserved Forest south of the Healesville-Kinglake Road to the south-western angle of allotment 5, Parish of Tarrawarra North; thence easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the Myers Creek Road; thence north-westerly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 66B; thence easterly by that road to the eastern boundary of the parish; thence south-easterly by that boundary to the Great Dividing Range; thence south-easterly by that range to Mt. St.Leonard; thence further south-easterly by the Great Dividing Range to a point thereon in line with a direct line between Mt.Juliet and Mt.Arnold; thence north-easterly by a line towards Mt.Arnold to the Great Dividing Range; thence north-easterly by that Range to Mt.Arnold; thence easterly by a direct line to Bald Hill, north of Mt.Matlock; thence north-westerly by the range forming the watershed between the Goulburn River and the Big River to the Big River at Enoch Point; thence northerly by that river to the Big River Arm of Lake Eildon; thence generally north-westerly by the south-western shore of that arm to its mouth; thence northerly by a line to a point 200 metres from the western shore of Lake Eildon; thence westerly and generally north-westerly by a line parallel to and 200 metres from the western shore to a point in line with the southern boundary of allotment 81; Parish of Wappan; thence westerly by a line and that boundary to the western shore of Lake Eildon; thence north-westerly by that shore to the southern boundary of allotment 73, Parish of Wappan; thence westerly by that boundary and the northern boundary of the Fraser National Park to the northern boundary of allotment 53, section A, Parish of Maintongoon; thence north-westerly and south-westerly by that road to the most eastern angle of allotment 53B; thence westerly by the road forming the northern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 33D; thence north-westerly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 2, section D; thence northerly by that road to the eastern angle of allotment 48C, Parish of Brankeet; thence westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 67F, Parish of Merton; thence northerly by that boundary and north-westerly by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotments 67E and 68E to the southern boundary of allotment 69A; thence easterly by that boundary and north-westerly by the north-eastern boundary of that allotment to the eastern boundary of allotment 70A; thence north-easterly by that boundary and north-easterly and north-westerly by the eastern and north-eastern boundaries of allotment 70 to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 76A; thence northerly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 84A; thence westerly by that boundary to the Maroondah Highway; thence southerly by that highway to the northern boundary of allotment 83; thence westerly by that boundary and northerly and westerly by the eastern and northern boundaries of allotment 82 to the western boundary of allotment 84; thence northerly by that boundary and the road forming the eastern boundaries of allotments 86 and 6 to the northern boundary of the latter allotment; thence westerly by that boundary to the western boundary of the parish; thence northerly by

that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 5, section C, Parish of Carratanbunell; thence westerly by that boundary to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 5A; thence north-westerly by that road to the north-eastern angle of allotment 6, being a point on the northern boundary of the County of Anglesey; thence south-westerly by that county boundary to Sinclairs Lane; thence westerly by that lane to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 12, section B, Parish of Ruffy; thence southerly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 13, thence westerly by that road to the Emu Waterholes Creek; thence southerly and westerly by that creek to Hughes Creek; thence westerly, southerly and again westerly by that creek to Boundary Creek; thence southerly by that creek to Springs Road; thence south-westerly by that road and Dropmore Road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 24, Parish of Kobyboyn; thence southerly by that road to the northern angle of allotment 43; thence southerly by the western boundary of that allotment, the eastern boundary of allotment 5, section A and westerly by the southern boundaries of the latter allotment and allotment 4 to the western boundary of allotment 6; thence southerly by that boundary and westerly and southerly by the northern and western boundaries of allotment 7 to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 8; thence north-westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 10A; thence southerly by that boundary to the northern boundary of the Parish of Ghin Ghin; thence westerly by that boundary to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 3D, Parish of Ghin Ghin; thence southerly by that road and the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 3D to the eastern boundary of allotment 4D; thence southerly by that boundary and the eastern boundaries of allotments 4C, 15D and 15C to the road forming the southern boundary of the latter allotment; thence westerly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 17B; thence southerly by that road and a line in continuation to the Goulburn River; thence westerly by that river to the a point in line with the western boundary of allotment 119A, Parish of Windham; thence southerly by a line to the north-western angle of that allotment; thence north-westerly by the Goulburn Valley Highway to the western boundary of the parish; thence southerly by that boundary to the most northern angle of allotment 27H, section A, Parish of Kerrisdale; thence westerly and southerly by the northern and western boundaries of that allotment to its south-western angle; thence westerly and southerly by the western boundary of allotment 27 to its south-western angle; thence westerly by a line and the northern boundary of allotment 26 to the eastern boundary of allotment 29; thence northerly by that boundary and westerly by the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 29A to the western boundary of the latter allotment; thence southerly by that boundary and the western boundary of allotment 29B to the northern boundary of allotment 24; thence westerly and southerly by the northern and western boundaries of that allotment to northern boundary of allotment 23; thence north-westerly and westerly by that boundary and southerly by the western boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of allotment 23A; thence westerly by that boundary to Horans Track; thence south-westerly and generally southerly by that track to the Broadford-Flowerdale Road; thence further southerly by Murchison Spur Road to the southern boundary of the parish; thence north-easterly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 9C, section B; thence northerly by that boundary to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 7; thence easterly by that road to the western boundary of allotment 9A; thence southerly, easterly and again southerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of the parish; thence easterly by that boundary to the western boundary of allotment 11, section B, Parish of Derril; thence southerly by that boundary and the western boundary of allotment 13 and easterly by the southern boundaries of the latter allotment and allotments 9, 9B, 14, 15, 15A, 6 and 4 to the north-western angle of allotment 14, section A, Parish of Flowerdale; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that allotment and further easterly by the southern boundary of allotment 14A to the western boundary of allotment 9; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 12; thence southerly by that boundary and southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 13 to the western boundary of allotment 13A; thence southerly by that boundary and easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of that allotment to a point in line with the south-western boundary of allotment 30A, no section;

thence south-easterly by a line and the south-western boundary of that allotment and easterly by its southern boundary to the western boundary of allotment 42A; thence southerly by that boundary to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 43C; thence westerly by that road to the northern boundary of allotment 43B; thence westerly, southerly and easterly by the northern, western and southern boundaries of that allotment to the road forming the north-western boundary of allotment 46; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of that allotment; thence southerly by that boundary and southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of allotment 47 to the western boundary of allotment 50; thence southerly by that boundary to the northern boundary 1, section B; thence westerly, southerly and easterly by the northern, western and southern boundaries of that allotment and further easterly by a line in continuation to the King Parrot Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 4; thence westerly by a line and the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 3 and further westerly by a line to Silver creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to a point in line with the western boundary of allotment 5; thence southerly by a line and western boundaries of that allotment and allotments 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and allotments 2 and 3, section C and and a line in continuation to the King Parrot Creek; thence south-westerly by that creek to the northern boundary of the Parish of Kinglake; thence westerly by that boundary and southerly by the western boundary of that parish to the Great Dividing Range; thence easterly by that range to the junction of the Whittlesea-Kinglake Road with the Whittlesea-Yea Road being the point of commencement.

Mitchell

Commencing on the Campaspe River at the Heathcote-Kyneton Road; thence southerly by the Campaspe River to Pipers Creek; thence further southerly by that creek to Watchbox Road; thence north-easterly by that road to the southern boundary of the Parish of Glenhope; thence easterly by that boundary to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 7, section C; thence northerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of that allotment; thence easterly by that road to the Tooborac-Baynton Road; thence southerly by that road to Emu Flat-Baynton Rd; thence south-easterly by that road to Scrubby Camp Road; thence southerly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 19, section 2, Parish of Baynton; thence westerly by that road to the north-western angle of allotment 73G4; thence southerly by the western boundary of that allotment and a road to the south-eastern angle of allotment 73L; thence westerly by a road to the north-western angle of allotment 15,section 1, thence southerly by a road to Martins Road; thence westerly by that road to the north-western angle of allotment 78J; thence southerly and easterly by the western and southern boundaries of that allotment to the north-western angle of allotment 16B; thence southerly by the western boundary of that allotment and further southerly by the eastern boundary of allotment 16H to the northern boundary of allotment 26, section A, Parish of Langley; thence easterly by that boundary and southerly by the eastern boundary of that allotment and the western boundary of allotment 3 to the south-western angle of the latter allotment; thence easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the north- western angle of allotment 4; thence southerly by the western boundaries of that allotment and allotments 6, 7, and 8 to Big Hill Creek; thence westerly by that creek to the south-eastern boundary of allotment 89, Parish of Lancefield; thence south-westerly by that boundary to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 87C; thence south-easterly by a line, the northern boundary of allotment 87C and the northern boundary of allotment 86A to the north-eastern angle of that allotment; thence further south-easterly, and easterly by a road to the south-western angle of allotment 4AA, Parish of Goldie; thence easterly by the southern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 4AB to a road forming the eastern boundary of the latter allotment; thence northerly by that road to the north-western angle of allotment 7AA; thence easterly and southerly by the northern and eastern boundaries of that allotment to the Pyalong-Lancefield Road; thence north-easterly by that road to the south-western angle of allotment 14AB; thence easterly by the southern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 15A to the road forming the eastern boundary of the latter allotment; thence northerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 16A; thence easterly and northerly by that road to the south-western angle of allotment 9C1; thence easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment, and northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of allotment 9B1, and further easterly by the northern boundary of allotment 9B2 to the road forming the eastern boundary of the latter allotment; thence northerly by that road to the north-western angle of allotment 9E; thence easterly by northern boundary of that allotment to Back Creek Road; thence northerly by that road to the western angle of allotment 60A, Parish of Moranding; thence north-easterly by the northern boundary of that allotment to the Northern Highway; thence south-easterly by that highway to the south-western angle of allotment 50; thence south-easterly by the southern boundary of that allotment to Kilmore Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to the most northern angle of allotment 117; thence south-easterly by the northern boundary of that allotment to Schoolhouse Lane; thence easterly by that lane to Three Chain Road; thence south-westerly by that road to Longs Road; thence south-easterly by that road and the road forming the southern boundary of the Parish of Broadford to Sunday Creek; thence generally southerly by that creek to the road forming part of the southern boundary of the Glenburnie pre-emptive right, Parish of Glenburnie; thence westerly by that road to the road forming the eastern boundary of allotment 27A, section D; thence southerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 25; thence southerly by the eastern boundaries of allotments 25 and 24 to the northern boundary of allotment 5; thence easterly by that boundary to the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence southerly by that road and the western boundary of allotment 2A to the south-western angle thereof; thence easterly by the

southern boundary of that allotment to the eastern boundary of the parish; thence generally southerly by that parish boundary to the Great Dividing Range; thence north-easterly and south-easterly by the summit of that range to the road abutting the western boundary of the Hollowback Reservoir; thence northerly by that road to the north-western angle of that reservoir; thence easterly by the northern boundary of that reservoir and further easterly by a road to it's junction with Escreets Road; thence south-easterly by a line to the junction of Hills Creek with Morrisons Creek; thence further south easterly by Morrisons Creek to it's source on the Great Dividing Range; thence generally south-easterly by that range to the western boundary of the Parish of Kinglake; thence northerly and easterly by the parish boundary to the King Parrot Creek; thence north-easterly by that creek to a point in line with the western boundary of allotment 3, section C, Parish of Kinglake; thence northerly by a line and the western boundaries of allotments 3, 2 and allotments 11, section B, 10, 9, 8, 7, 5 and a line in continuation to Silver Creek; thence north-westerly by that creek to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 3; thence easterly by a line and the northern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 4 and further easterly by a line in continuation to the King Parrot Creek; thence north-westerly by that creek to a point in line with the southern boundary of allotment 1; thence westerly by a line and westerly, northerly and easterly by the southern, western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 50, no section; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 47; thence westerly and northerly by the southern and western boundaries of that allotment and further northerly by the western boundary of allotment 46 to the road forming the north-western boundary of that allotment; thence north-easterly by that road to the southern boundary of allotment 43B; thence westerly, northerly and easterly by the southern, western and northern boundaries of that allotment and further easterly by a road to the western boundary of allotment 42A; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 30A; thence north-westerly by that boundary to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 13A, section A; thence westerly by that road to the western boundary of that allotment; thence northerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of allotment 13; thence westerly and northerly by the southern and western boundaries of that allotment and further northerly by the western boundary of allotment 12 to the southern boundary of allotment 9; thence westerly and northerly by the southern and western boundaries of that allotment to the southern boundary of allotment 14A; thence westerly by that boundary and westerly and northerly by the southern and western boundaries of allotment 14 to the southern boundary of allotment 4, section B, Parish of Derril; thence westerly by that boundary and the southern boundaries of allotments 6, 15A, 15, 14, 9B, 9 and 13 and northerly by the western boundaries of allotment 13 and 11 to the southern boundary of the Parish of Kerrisdale; thence westerly by that boundary to the western boundary of allotment 9A, section B, Parish of Kerrisdale; thence northerly, westerly and again northerly by that boundary to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 7; thence westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 9C; thence southerly by that boundary to the southern boundary of the parish; thence south-westerly by that boundary to Murchison Spur Road; thence northerly by that road to the Broadford-Flowerdale Road; thence, further northerly by Horans Track to the northern boundary of allotment 23A, section A; thence easterly by that boundary to the western boundary of allotment 23; thence northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 24; thence northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 29B; thence northerly by that boundary and the western boundary of allotment 29A to the northern boundary of that allotment ; thence easterly by that boundary and easterly and southerly by the northern and eastern boundaries of allotment 29 to the northern boundary of allotment 26; thence easterly by that boundary and further easterly by a line to the south-western angle of allotment 27; thence northerly and easterly by the western boundary of that allotment to the western boundary of allotment 27H; thence northerly and easterly by that boundary to the western boundary of the Parish of Windham; thence generally northerly by that boundary to the Goulburn Valley Highway; thence south-easterly by that highway to the north-western angle of allotment 119A; thence northerly by a line in continuation of the western boundary of that allotment to the Goulburn River; thence

easterly by that river to a point in line with the eastern boundary of allotment 17B, Parish of Ghin Ghin; thence northerly by a line and the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 2; thence easterly by that road to the south-western angle of allotment 1; thence northerly by the western boundaries of that allotment and allotment 4E to the southern boundary of allotment 4F; thence westerly, northerly, and easterly by the southern, western, and northern boundaries of that allotment to the south-eastern angle of allotment 3D; thence northerly by the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment to the northern boundary of the parish; thence generally easterly by that parish boundary to the south-western angle of allotment 8A, section A, Parish of Kobyboyn; thence northerly and south-easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the south-western angle of allotment 7; thence northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment to the south-western angle of allotment 6; thence northerly and easterly by the western and northern boundaries of that allotment, and further easterly and further northerly by the north-western boundaries of allotment 5A to the south-western angle of allotment 43, section D; thence northerly by the western boundary of that allotment and by the road forming the western boundaries of allotments 42 and 24 to Dropmore Road; thence north-easterly by that road and Springs Road to Boundary Creek; thence northerly by that creek to Hughes Creek; thence generally north-westerly by that creek to the Hume Freeway; thence south-westerly by that freeway to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 45A, Parish of Mangalore; thence westerly by that road, the road forming the northern boundaries of allotments 42A, 42, and 41C, and a line to Mangalore road; thence westerly by that road to the Goulburn River; thence generally northerly by that river to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 30G, Parish of Mitchell; thence westerly by that road to Northwood Road; thence north-westerly and northerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 35; thence westerly by that road, the northern boundary of allotment 35C, and a line to the south-eastern angle of allotment 12A; thence north-westerly by the southern boundary of that allotment to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 24D, section A; thence north-westerly by that road to the Mitchellstown-Graytown Road; thence north-westerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 16, Parish of Moormbool East; thence westerly by that road, the northern boundaries of Comptons Creek pre-emptive right and allotment 2 to Graytown Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the western boundary of the parish; thence northerly by that boundary and the western boundary of the Parish of Wirrate to the northern boundary of the County of Dalhousie; thence westerly by that boundary to a point in line with the northern boundary of allotment 27, section A, Parish of Redcastle, being a point on the western boundary of the Reserved Forest; thence southerly by that forest boundary to the Old Coach Road; thence south-easterly by that road and further south-easterly by the south-western boundary of the Parish of Moormbool West to the northern boundary of allotment 16, section B, Parish of Moormbool West; thence easterly and southerly by the northern and eastern boundaries of that allotment to the Heathcote-Nagambie Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the northern angle of allotment 17; thence south-easterly by the north-eastern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 15 to Splitters Creek at Splitters Creek Road; thence easterly by that creek to the western boundary of allotment 6; thence northerly, easterly and southerly by the western, northern and eastern boundaries of that allotment to the South Costerfield- Graytown Road; thence easterly by that road to the western boundary of the Puckapunyal Military Area; thence south-westerly by that boundary to Youngs Lane, being a point on the southern boundary of the Parish of Heathcote; thence westerly by that boundary to the Northern Highway; thence north-westerly by that highway to the Newlans Lane; thence south-westerly by that lane to the most southern angle of allotment 38E, Parish of Heathcote, being a point on the north-eastern boundary of the Reserved Forest; thence north-westerly by that boundary to Dairy Flat Road; thence southerly by that road to the Heathcote-East Baynton Road; thence generally south-westerly by that road to Branding Yard Lane; thence westerly by that lane to the Heathcote-Spring Plains-Glenhope Road; thence north-westerly by that road to McDonalds Lane; thence westerly by that lane to the Mia Mia-Lancefield Road; thence north-westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 50B, Parish of Spring Plains; thence southerly and westerly by the

eastern and southern boundaries of that allotment, westerly by the road forming the southern boundary of the Township of Mia Mia and further westerly by Blacksmiths Lane to the Heathcote-Kyneton Road, and thence south-westerly by that road to the point of commencement.

Mid Murray

Commencing at the junction of the Goulburn River with the Murray River; thence generally easterly by the Goulburn River to the southern boundary of the Parish of Kaarimba; thence easterly by that boundary, Pogues Road, Boundary Road and Marungi Road to Cosgrove Road; thence southerly by that road to Tungamah Boundary Road; thence easterly by that road, Roberts Road, Lidgerwood Road and the southern boundary of the Parish of Karrabumet to Miller Road; thence northerly by that road to Big Hill Road; thence north-easterly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 28, Parish of Boweya; thence easterly by that road and Parker Road to the eastern boundary of the parish; thence northerly by that boundary and further northerly by Forest Road to the Tungamah-Peechelba Road; thence easterly by that road to the western boundary of the Township of Peechelba; thence northerly by that boundary and easterly and southerly by the northern and eastern boundaries of that township to the Ovens River; thence northerly by that river to the Murray River, and thence generally westerly by that river to the point of commencement.

Greater Shepparton

Commencing on the Goulburn River at the eastern boundary of the Parish of Wyuna; thence southerly by that boundary and the eastern boundary of the Parish of Taripta to Weller Road; thence further southerly by that road to Sellwood Road; thence easterly by that road to Ryan Road; thence southerly by that road to Lilford Road; thence westerly by that road to McEwen Road; thence southerly by that road to Bitcon Road; thence easterly by that road to the Rushworth-Tatura Road; thence easterly by that road to Bitcon road; thence further easterly by that road to Basin Road; thence southerly by that road to the southern boundary of the Parish of Murchison North; thence westerly by that boundary to Channel Inlet Road; thence southerly by that road, Wild Paddock Road and East Boundary Road to Buffalo Swamp Road; thence easterly by that road to Willow Road; thence southerly, easterly and south-easterly by that road to the Murchison-Goulburn Weir Road; thence due east (magnetic) by a line to the Goulburn River; thence north-easterly by that river to a point in line with the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 107, Parish of Dargalong; thence easterly by a line and that road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 106; thence northerly by that road to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 109; thence easterly by that road, Douglas Road and Burkes Road to the Pranjip Creek; thence northerly by that creek to the Goulburn Valley Highway; thence easterly and north-easterly by that highway to Arcadia Road; thence easterly by that road, the Arcadia-Tamleugh Road and Clancy Street and further easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 79, Parish of Tamleugh to the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence northerly by that road and a line in continuation to Honeysuckle Creek; thence south-easterly by that creek to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 32; thence easterly by that road and Fishers Lane to Bridge Road; thence northerly by that road to Camerons Road; thence easterly by that road, a road in continuation and further easterly by Croxfords Road to the Dookie-Violet Town Road; thence northerly by that road to the Broken River; thence south-easterly by that river to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Currawa; thence northerly by that boundary and Benalla Boundary Road to Tungamah Boundary Road; thence westerly by that road to Cosgrove Road; thence northerly by that road to Marungi Road; thence westerly by that road, Boundary Road, Pogues Road and the southern boundary of the Parish of Kaarimba to the Goulburn River, and thence generally north-westerly by that river to the point of commencement.

Campaspe

Commencing on the Goulburn River at the eastern boundary of the Parish of Wyuna; thence southerly by that boundary and the eastern boundary of the Parish of Taripta to Weller Road; thence further southerly by that road to Sellwood Road; thence easterly by that road to Ryan Road; thence southerly by that road to Lilford Road; thence westerly by that road to McEwen Road; thence southerly by that road to Bitcon Road; thence easterly by that road to the Rushworth-Tatura Road; thence easterly by that road to Bitcon road; thence further easterly by that road to Basin Road; thence southerly by that road to the southern boundary of the Parish of Murchison North; thence westerly by that boundary to Channel Inlet Road; thence southerly by that road, Wild Paddock Road and East Boundary Road to Buffalo Swamp Road; thence westerly by that road to the south-eastern angle of the Reserved Forest in the Parish of Whroo; thence westerly, north-westerly and generally south-westerly by the southern boundary of that Reserved Forest to the southern boundary of the parish; thence westerly by that boundary and southerly by the western boundary of the Parish of Wirrate to the southern boundary of the County of Rodney; thence westerly by that boundary to a point in line with the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 27, section A, Parish of Redcastle; thence westerly by a line and that road to the Redcastle Creek; thence northerly by that creek to Cornella Creek; thence westerly by that creek to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 5, section 23; thence north-westerly by that road to Old Heathcote Road; thence south-westerly by that road and the Heathcote-Rochester Road to Hagan Lane; thence westerly by that lane and the Axedale-Crosbie Road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 24, section C, Parish of Crosbie; thence northerly by that road to the northern boundary of the parish; thence westerly by the northern boundaries of that parish and the Parishes of Weston and Axedale to the Campaspe River; thence northerly by that river to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 1C, Parish of Diggorra; thence north-westerly by that road and a line to the Northern Railway; thence north-easterly by that railway to a point in line with South Boundary Road; thence westerly by a line and South Boundary Road and further westerly by a line in continuation to the western boundary of allotment 118, Parish of Warragamba; thence southerly by that boundary to the Elmore-Mitiamo Road; thence north-westerly by that road to the most northern angle of former allotment 61A, Parish of Kamarooka; thence south-westerly by the north-western boundary of that former allotment and a line in continuation to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 33A; thence westerly by that road to the western boundary of allotment 12A; thence northerly by that boundary to the northern boundary of allotment 12E; thence westerly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 12B; thence northerly, generally north-westerly and northerly by that boundary to the road forming the northern boundary of the said allotment; thence westerly by that road to the western boundary of the Parish of Kamarooka; thence northerly by that boundary to the Dingee-Rochester Road; thence easterly by that road to the eastern boundary of the Parish of Dingee; thence northerly by that boundary to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 60, Parish of Dingee; thence westerly by that road to Edwick Road; thence northerly by that road to the Elmore-Mitiamo Road; thence north-westerly by that road to Bendigo Creek; thence northerly by that creek to Kow Swamp; thence easterly and northerly by the southern and eastern shores of that swamp to Taylors Creek; thence north-easterly, south-easterly and again north-easterly by that creek to the Murray Valley Highway; thence south-easterly by that highway to the eastern boundary of the Township of Gunbower; thence northerly by that boundary to the Gunbower Creek; thence easterly by that creek to a point in line with McMahon Road; thence northerly by a line and McMahon Road to Fenn Road; thence easterly by a line in continuation of that road to the Gunbower Creek; thence northerly, generally south-westerly and generally north-westerly by that creek to Deep Creek; thence generally easterly by that creek to the Murray River, and thence generally south-easterly by that river to the point of commencement.

City of Greater Bendigo

Commencing at a point on the Loddon River, at the south-western angle of the County of Bendigo; thence easterly by the southern boundary of the County of Bendigo to the Calder Highway; thence south-easterly by that highway to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 41, section 1, Parish of Ravenswood; thence north-easterly by that road to the Northern Railway; thence south-easterly by that railway to a point in line with the south-eastern boundary of allotment 26A, section 2; thence north-easterly by a line and the south-eastern boundary of allotment 26A, section 2 to the road forming the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence south-easterly by that road to the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 5, section 27; thence easterly by that road and the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 4 and further easterly by the road forming the southern boundary of the parish to the western boundary of the Parish of Sutton Grange; thence northerly, easterly and southerly by that parish boundary to Myrtle Creek; thence generally northerly and south-easterly by that creek to the Coliban River; thence generally northerly by that river to the former course of the Campaspe River; thence southerly by that former course through Lake Eppalock and the Campaspe river to the Heathcote-Kyneton Road; thence north-easterly by that road to Blacksmiths Lane; thence easterly by that lane, the road forming the southern boundary of the Township of Mia Mia and further easterly by the southern boundary of allotment 50B, Parish of Spring Plains to the eastern boundary of that allotment; thence northerly by that boundary to the Mia Mia-Lancefield Road; thence south-easterly by that road to McDonalds Lane; thence easterly by that lane to the Heathcote-Spring Plains-Glenhope Road; thence south-easterly by that road to Branding Yard Lane; thence easterly by that lane to the Heathcote-East Baynton Road; thence north-easterly by that lane to Dairy Flat Road; thence northerly by that road to the south-western boundary of allotment 13P, Parish of Heathcote, being a point on the north-eastern boundary of the Reserved Forest; thence south-easterly by that boundary to Newlans Lane; thence northerly by that lane to the Northern Highway; thence south-easterly by that highway to the southern boundary of the parish ; thence easterly by that boundary to Youngs Lane, being a point on the western boundary of the Puckapunyal Military Area; thence north-easterly by that boundary to the South Costerfield-Graytown Road; thence westerly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 6, section B, Parish of Moormbool West; thence northerly, westerly and southerly by the eastern, northern and western boundaries of that allotment to Splitters Creek; thence westerly by that creek to eastern angle of allotment 15; thence north-westerly by the north-eastern boundaries of that allotment and allotment 17 to the Heathcote-Nagambie road; thence north-easterly by that road to the eastern boundary of allotment 16; thence northerly and westerly by the eastern and northern boundaries of that allotment the south-western boundary of the parish; thence north-westerly by that boundary to the Old Coach road; thence north-westerly by that road to a point in line with the southern boundary of allotment 38, Parish of Redcastle; thence easterly by a line and the southern boundary of that allotment to its south-eastern angle, being a point on the boundary of the Reserved Forest; thence generally northerly by that forest boundary to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 27, section A, Parish of Redcastle; thence westerly by that road to the Redcastle Creek; thence northerly by that creek to Cornella Creek; thence westerly by that creek to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 5, section 23; thence north-westerly by that road to Old Heathcote Road; thence south-westerly by that road to the Heathcote-Rochester Road; thence further south-westerly by that road to Hagan Lane; thence westerly by that lane and the Axedale-Crosbie Road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 24, section C, Parish of Crosbie; thence northerly by that road to the northern boundary of the parish; thence westerly by the northern boundaries of that parish and the Parishes of Weston and Axedale to the Campaspe River; thence northerly by that river to the road forming the north-eastern boundary of allotment 1C, Parish of Diggorra; thence north-westerly by that road and a line to the Northern Railway; thence north-easterly by that railway to a point in line with South Boundary Road; thence westerly by a line and South Boundary Road and further westerly by a line in continuation to the western boundary of allotment 118, Parish of Warragamba; thence southerly by that boundary to the Elmore-Mitiamo Road; thence north-

westerly by that road to the most northern angle of former allotment 61A, Parish of Kamarooka; thence south-westerly by the north-western boundary of that former allotment and a line in continuation to the road forming the northern boundary of allotment 33A; thence westerly by that road to the western boundary of allotment 12A; thence northerly by that boundary to the northern boundary of allotment 12E; thence westerly by that boundary to the eastern boundary of allotment 12B; thence northerly and generally north-westerly by that boundary to the road forming the northern boundary of the said allotment; thence westerly by that road to the road forming the western boundary of allotment 12F; thence southerly by that road and the Kamarooka West Boundary Road to Raywood Road : thence westerly by that road, the road forming the northern boundary of the Parish of Neilborough and the road forming the southern boundaries of section 14A and section 15, Parish of Yallook and further westerly by a line in continuation to the road forming the western boundary of the Parish of Yallook; thence southerly by that road to a point in line with the road forming the southern boundary of allotment 10, section 14, Parish of Salisbury; thence westerly by a line and that road to the Loddon River, and thence southerly by that river to the point of commencement.